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'100 killed' in Tunisia bread riots

More than 100 Tunisians were killed and 500 injured in the bread riots last week, human rights sources said. The Government has not given a casualty list. Almost 1,000 people were reported to have been arrested during the week

Tunisia's priorities, page 5

11 Red Cross workers seized

Ugandan rebels have abducted 11 Red Cross workers, including four whites, from an area about 40 miles west of Kampala. The volunteers were seen being led away by four armed men, believed to be members of The National Resistance Army.

Tax threat to pension schemes

Tax relief on contributions to company pension funds could be threatened because of a searching Treasury review of tax exemptions which cost the Exchequer about £40 billion a year Page 3

Jobs gloom

The economy is expected to grow by about 2 per cent this year, but unemployment will rise to more than 4 million by the end of the decade, according to a leading economic forecaster Page 13

'Identity' cards

Opposition MPs are to demand assurances from the Government that plastic national insurance number cards will not be used for surveillance or as identity cards Page 3

Paper planned

Mr Robert Maxwell says he intends to launch a London evening newspaper this year with a target circulation of 250,000 and an emphasis on financial news. Page 13

School shake-up

The shake-up in Soviet schools is being seen as part of President Andropov's determination to see through reforms, despite his illness. Page 5

Master player

Andrew Martin gained the title of International Master yesterday in round 10 of the Hastings International Chess tournament Chess results, page 2

A knock out

The Rugby League match between Oldham and Leigh was abandoned by the referee, when players started brawling after he sent off two of their colleagues. Report page 17.

Winning double

Slovil and Smid from Czechoslovakia beat Jarryd and Simonsson, 1-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to win the international doubles tournament at the Albert Hall yesterday Page 16

Benn reinstated on shortlist for Chesterfield

From Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, Chesterfield

Mr Wedgwood Benn last night staged a comeback at Chesterfield, just two days after his name had been excluded from the shortlist of potential Labour candidates for the by-election in March.

The Chesterfield party executive last Friday picked a recommended shortlist of just five names, spurning Mr Benn in spite of the fact that he led the field with a dozen local nominations.

Last night the party's all-powerful general committee met in a first-floor hall of the Derbyshire National Union of Mineworkers' headquarters, in the town, to consider that recommendation.

Four separate amendments were proposed, including the one that Mr Benn should be added to the shortlist, which goes before another general committee meeting next Sunday. At 4.25pm a cheer could be heard as the result was announced: 65 in favour, 51 against.

Mr Benn will be the central figure in a six-strong shortlist which includes one other former MP, Mr Phillip Whitehead, and the leaders of two local councils.

The general committee then moved a resolution that each of the challengers should be asked not to go in for any electioneering. But with Mr Benn's political future in the balance, Labour's left and right wings will be putting enormous pressure on the 120 party members who will make the final choice next Sunday.

Mr Benn, aged 58, still intends to address a private Labour Party meeting in Wingerworth, near Chesterfield, on Wednesday. He is playing for a political power base. Since he lost his Bristol constituency last June he has failed to make any of the running in the party.

Even his own former allies seem to have left him behind, and Labour's Kinnock-Hattersley leadership has been able to ignore the voice from the wilderness.

The resistance to a Benn comeback has by no means been confined to the right wing. Mr Neil Kinnock, like Mr Michael Foot before him, has made no secret of his dislike for Mr Benn and his allegedly destructive influence on the party.

But while he has successfully managed to outmanoeuvre his political opponents inside the party's national executive, his colleagues recognize that a Benn by-election campaign would inevitably focus and renew public attention on the peristent divides within the Labour Party.

Mr Benn never fails to take any opportunity to speak his mind, and Mr Kinnock would undoubtedly face policy challenges and political embarrassment during a lengthy by-election campaign in which Mr Benn represented the party.

The campaign itself would be dangerous enough, but the final result would put Mr Kinnock in double jeopardy. If Mr Benn won the by-election, Mr Kinnock would again face inevitable challenges to his authority.

If Mr Benn were to lose, because the voters undoubtedly see him as a personification of Labour's problems, Mr Kinnock's leadership honeymoon would be smashed in a most disastrous fashion.

Chesterfield Labour sources last night viewed the general committee voting figures as a clear indication that Mr Benn had edged ahead for next Sunday's battle. Even some of his main rivals privately conceded that he would be difficult to beat.

However, there were hopes, albeit faintly based, that Mr Benn had been inserted on to the shortlist on the back of a sympathy reaction.

Next Sunday's votes, a succession of elimination ballots which conclude with the victor winning more than 50 per cent of votes cast, will undoubtedly see a complex mix of voting patterns.

But it is still thought that Mr Benn's main challenger will be Mr Whitehead, who has local roots.

How Benn came back, page 2



Mr Benn setting off from his London home yesterday.



Holiday bound: The Prince and Princess of Wales arriving at Zurich on the way to a skiing holiday in Liechtenstein, where they are expected to visit the castle of Crown Prince Hans Adam.

Storm over US deficit as Reagan approves budget

From Bailey Morris, Washington

[illegible] has tentatively [illegible] a new 1985 [illegible] for a 13 per [illegible] defence spending [illegible] 5 per cent cut in [illegible] and projects [illegible] close to $200bn [illegible] the next four years. [illegible] made available to The Times show that Mr [illegible] domestic spending [illegible] similar to last [illegible] sparked a fierce [illegible] with Congress and [illegible] in a political deadlock over the budget.

The big difference with the new budget, which will be formally presented on January 30, is that it admits candidly that Mr Reagan's priorities have produced the biggest deficit in American history, accounting for [illegible] of gross national product last year alone.

Indeed, the clarity with which the deficits are portrayed and the manner in which the budget documents have been leaked to members of the press and Congress have led to a wave of speculation over a new rift within the Administration.

Political leaders said it appeared that some members of the Administration were so concerned over the adverse economic effects of the deficit that they leaked the documents to generate a national debate.

They said both the size of the Reagan deficits and the proposed new domestic spending cuts were unacceptable to Congress in an election year.

More than a third of the domestic cuts would be in giant health programmes for the poor and elderly called Medicaid and Medicare which would be cut by $10bn and $2bn.

Mr Robert Michel, the House minority leader, who is a strong supporter of the President, said last week: "Only about 50 Republicans who hold safe seats in conservative districts would be willing to trim domestic programmes further".

The furore generated by the documents — which are labelled "very sensitive" and have been distributed widely on Capitol Hill — prompted the President to schedule a meeting this week of his top advisers.

They must take the politically difficult decision of whether to tax the people or cut domestic services further to reduce the huge deficit.

Mr Reagan has apparently no intention of cutting his arms build-up substantially and he has continued to oppose tax increases in the belief that the sustained economic recovery will reduce the deficits.

However, Mr Martin Feldstein, Mr Reagan's chief economic adviser, sent him an urgent personal memorandum last week appealing to him to include a $50bn tax increase in his new budget.

"To wait until after the November election to attack the deficits would be "very risky to the economy", Mr Feldstein's memorandum said.

Financial markets around the world were waiting for a sign of declining US deficits, Mr Feldstein is reported to have said.

Supporting Mr Feldstein's position are Mr David Stockman, director of the Office of Management Budgets, influential Republicans in Congress and some Treasury officials.

Those said to be opposed to tax increases are Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary, Mr Richard Darman, a presidential assistant, and some conservative members of Congress.

Kissinger wants $8bn for Central America

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Kissinger Commission on Central America on Wednesday will recommend a rehabilitation programme totalling $8,000m (£5,700m) over the [illegible] six years to prevent a "strategic coup of major proportions" by the Soviet Union.

The report will contain everything that President Reagan could ask for in support of his campaign to secure long-term American involvement in the political and economic life of its troubled southern neighbours. Nicaragua is offered nothing although the report says closer diplomatic contacts should be pursued.

The recommendations amount to a trebling of current US aid levels to Central America. Mr Reagan broadly has given his blessing but some of the recommendations would, without doubt, be resisted by large sections of a highly sceptical Congress.

For example, the report suggests that military aid and arms sales should be resumed to Guatemala, reputedly one of the worst violators of human rights in Central America. President Carter suspended assistance to the right-wing regime because of its human rights record.

Costa Rica, a model of democracy in the region, and one of the few countries in the world without an army, is said to require increased border security to prevent incursions into its territory.

The report says that El Salvador, afflicted by a civil war for the past four years, should receive significantly increased military aid — possibly as much as another $400m in 1984 and 1985. The left-wing guerrilla compaign is said to be a "direct threat to US security interest".

Honduras, a solid ally of America, and the recipient fo substantial economic assistance,

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US Marine killed in Beirut firing

Beirut (AP and Reuter) – An American Marine was killed yesterday as a helicopter that had unloaded US troops on Beirut's seafront came under fire from rocket-propelled grenades and small arms as it took off, Marine spokesmen said.

Beirut radio reported that two Marines were injured, but Captain Wayne Jones said he knew of no other casualties. The helicopter managed to take off safely.

US officials said at one point after the early-morning attack that two helicopters were involved, but Major Dennis Brooks, the chief Marine spokesman, said only one helicopter was taking off as the gunmen opened fire. The confusion may have arisen because it was the helicopter's second trip to the landing point.

He added that he was uncertain whether a report that gunners on board the helicopter opend fire was correct. "I don't know that to be a fact now." But he said Marines on the ground did open fire.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Woolley, an Army helicopter pilot, has taken command of the 110-strong British contingent to the multinational force, it was announced yesterday. Colonel Woolley, aged 41, who arrived here on January 3, commanded The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire from 1981 to 1983.

In Sidon, inhabitants spoke of a morning of terror when Israeli troops fired hundreds of machine-gun rounds to clear the main shopping street of parked cars.

Israel at first denied there had been any shooting on Saturday, but later said an Israeli armoured personnel carrier had fired on a single car suspected of being booby-trapped.

Husain dialogue, photograph, page 4

Pretoria threatens to step up Angola war and send in tanks

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

South African military chiefs have threatened to step up the war in southern Angola by using tanks, and Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister, this weekend said the deteriorating situation had brought Pretoria to the brink of confrontation with the United Nations.

At the same time, General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister, announced that a limited withdrawal had begun. But he gave warning that Pretoria would not hesitate to mount another invasion.

In the wake of the three-day battle at Cuvelai last week, in which South Africa claimed to have routed a superior combined Cuban, Angolan and Swapo force, and the unanimous Security Council resolution demanding Pretoria's immediate and unconditional withdrawal, Mr Botha said: "We must make a stand now or the conflict will become much greater later on."

Lieutenant-General Ian Gleeson, the Chief of Staff Operations of the South African Defence Force (SADF), said in Pretoria: "It is not us looking for a fight with tanks. But if the situation continues where Swapo has this kind of umbrella protection from the Cubans and Russians with their sophisticated weaponry, we will be compelled to do so."

He said South African troops, who launched the offensive into Angola a month ago, achieved one of their main objectives in the Cuvelai area by repelling the bulk of an estimated 1,400 Swapo guerillas poised to infiltrate northern Namibia.

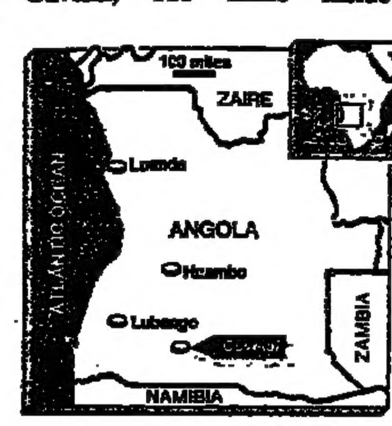
Pretoria is now prepared to scale down the operation, but General Gleeson did not say if this meant complete withdrawal. In the fighting at Cuvelai, 125 miles inside Angola, South Africa claims to have killed 324 Cuban, Angolan and Swapo fighters and to have destroyed 11 Soviet-made T54 tanks for the loss of seven of its own men, bringing the total since the offensive began to 21 South Africans killed, more than 400 of the "enemy" and more than 20 tanks put out of action.

An undisclosed number of prisoners, including Angolan's have been captured. General Gleeson said Russian advisers had played a direct role in controlling the fighting. They issued "orders and guidelines" and told troops to hold a position "at all costs and down to the last man", he said.

There were about 5,000 Russian instructors and advisers in Angola but, until last week, they had not been involved in the fighting, the general said. Their intervention follows the disclosure that the Soviet Union has been in contact with Pretoria, complaining that the military presence in Angola was "unacceptable".

In a television interview, Mr Botha said South Africa's offer

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Pit rebels strike over union action

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Five Staffordshire pits will be closed today and it is likely that 6,000 miners will have to be sent home because 40 winders are staging a one-day strike in protest at the National Union of Mineworkers' 10-week overtime ban.

The winders turned up for work at the pits around Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday and yesterday, in defiance of the union's action which bans weekend working, but most were turned away by union pickets.

Now they are staging the stoppage, which will mean no production in the north Staffordshire coalfield and miners losing a day's pay because, with the exception of a few managers, only the winders are permitted to operate the cages which take men and materials up and down pit shafts.

The five pits that will be affected by today's strike are Hem Heath and Florence, near Stoke-on-Trent and Silverdale, Holditch and Woostanton near Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Mr Stephen Higginson, secretary of the North Staffordshire winders section of the Union's power group, to which the men belong, said last night: "Now that we have been stopped from returning to work we will definitely stage a one-day strike.

Mr Roy Ottey, general secretary of the power group, said yesterday that he believed "civil war" was breaking out with miner being set against miner because of the overtime ban. He wrote to Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, calling for a ballot of its 190,000 members on whether the ban should continue.

That demand is expected to surface at Thursday's union executive meeting in Sheffield when moderates will press also for a membership vote on the National Coal Board's 5.2 per cent offer. Mr Scargill and his supporters will oppose moves for a ballot.

The winders, who work weekends so that safety inspections can be made of equipment and conditions underground, say they are losing up to £100 a week each in pay because of the overtime ban. During the 10 weeks of the action, the winding and inspections have been carried out by management on a rota basis.

A personal appeal from Mr Scargill to the winders to obey the overtime ban was rejected by the men. Mr Ottey said he believed the revolt against the action could spread to other areas of the industry.

Shagari's top guard arrested

From Kenneth Mackenzie, Lagos

A senior officer who sent a warning to President Shagari immediately before the December 31 coup has been arrested in Lagos.

Brigadier Bello Kaliel, who was commandant of the President's guards, became aware of unusual troop movements while in Lagos and communicated by radio with the President in Abuja, the incomplete new capital. Brigadier Kaliel also ordered the men guarding the President to be on the alert.

This was the cause of the only blood-letting: the killing of Brigadier Ibrahim Bako.

Brigadier Bako, an old friend of the Shagari family, led a force from the state of Kaduna to arrest the President. One report said he went unarmed to the President to assure him that he would not be harmed. But he was shot by a captain in the President's guard in circumstances that are not entirely clear.

The President fled to a village nearby, but then surrendered himself. He has since been treated with the greatest respect. Reports that he had been handcuffed have been authoritatively denied.

● The fate of the politicians arrested after the coup is being widely discussed in Nigerian newspapers (Reuter reports). The Nigerian Labour Congress called for the death penalty for corrupt former leaders, the government-owned *New Nigerian* newspaper reported yesterday.

Economic plight, page 4

Nato needs more warships, says admiral

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

A top British allied commander has complained that he lacks the ships to cover all his Nato tasks.

Admiral Sir William Staveley, Nato commander-in-chief for the eastern Atlantic and the Channel, says he has only half the anti-submarine escort vessels he needs and is having to concentrate his mines countermeasures vessels on "absolutely minimum essentials", with the protection of British and American submarine bases on the Clyde heading his list.

"I hope the politicians will be able to stomach the decisions we shall have to take," he says in an interview in the new journal, *Jane's Defence Weekly*, which appears this week.

Admiral Staveley, who is also commander-in-chief of the Royal Navy's own fleet, says it is essential to have enough forces ready for the first indication of hostilities. "We are very short indeed in percentage terms of a lot of things," he adds.

The Soviet Union's frigates and destroyers cost up to four times as much as Nato warships but its older vessels are now being replaced by "very up-market" warships.

the growth in numbers of Soviet nuclear-powered hunter-killer and ballistic missile submarines had been the most significant development in recent years.

● Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, yesterday challenged Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, to acknowledge that Britain's commitment of men and ships to the Falklands was an important reason for the shortage (the Press Association reports).



Admiral Staveley: A warning for the politicians

Police criticized on applications for costs against defendants

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Magistrates Association has criticized moves by a growing number of police forces to recoup the administrative expense of bringing cases to magistrates' courts by asking them to award costs against defendants.

Mr Geoffrey Norman, association secretary, said: "It is highly undesirable and causes injustice." The association's legal committee will consider on Thursday what further action to take.

Police service practice is divided on the issue. Because not all forces seek such costs, defendants are penalized differently in different areas. "It is open to some doubt as to whether administrative costs are properly chargeable because police are already funded publicly to cover them," Mr Norman said.

The retort by police in favour of seeking costs is that the guilty defendant, being responsible for the case, should pay, not the law-abiding public.

Kent is the latest force to seek costs to cover administrative expenses. Cases are reckoned to cost £10 an hour of police time and other relevant expenses for a guilty plea and £20 an hour for a not guilty plea.

Kent police say they will also seek costs to reimburse witnesses' expenses. They deny any pressure on defendants to plead guilty by warning them of court costs.

Mr David Hall, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said it supported the principle of seeking such costs. But it was a matter for individual chief constables to decide whether to ask for them and for individual courts whether to grant them.

Mr Norman estimates that 15 or the 43 forces in England and Wales seek such costs. A growing number had decided to ask for them after a recommendation by a working party of the Association of Chief Police Officers about two years ago as a way of raising revenue.

Sussex police have no plans to seek such costs. Mr Roger Birch, the Chief Constable, believes that whatever system is used it should be uniform throughout the country.

Cambridgeshire police say they did not introduce a scheme because they were unable to get a consensus when the proposal was discussed with justices clerks.

Mr Norman says that even in counties such as Hertfordshire, wher police sought such costs, different Benches had different ideas about granting them. That was confirmed by Essex police, who ask for such costs but do not always obtain them.

Reflecting the rising concern among magistrates, the association's legal committee is expected to endorse its policy that costs should be charged against public funds either by the court or by direct

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Industrial disaster if 'high tech' starved of aid, Owen says

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, argued yesterday that a higher level of government support for high-technology industries was needed if Britain was to avert industrial disaster.

Speaking to Liberal parliamentary candidates in conference at Oxford, he said that the economy must be built around "a solid core of highly technological and competitive industries".

There should be a "dynamic partnership" with industry, in which the Government provided low-interest finance and funds for development and research, if the criteria were right, not attempting to override market forces but to anticipate with industry what world markets would demand.

Dr Owen said that the state of the economy would be the main pivotal issue of the next general election. Although Britain's economic position was poised to improve, it would not mask the country's continued decline. The storm clouds would emerge from 1986 and beyond.

"In the 1988 election, our relative economic decline, which produced the SDP, will again be slap on the agenda. It is a challenge, I believe, for the radicals and progressives in the Alliance. It has to be seen as the party which can put Britain back in the forefront of technological advance."

Dr Owen said that Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, the former Labour leader, had been right with his comments on the white-hot heat of the technological revolution. But Lord Wilson failed because the Labour Party was incapable of leading that revolution.

He added: "You may get part of it from the Conservatives, but only part. This is where we have such potential. We can see a sensible role for government in promoting techological advance and we can see the need for market forces.

"There are some things Mrs Thatcher is saying in this country that we must take account of, but it is being done in a stainless steel way without any heart. Because of that she builds up resistance so that you don not get the acceleration that is needed."

Conservative policy was to distribute the new wealth among those already employed. He added: "We have to remind the country and those in jobs that there are legitimate social demamds from those less fortunate".

Peter Brookes

PRELIMINARY REJECTION

THE FAMOUS CHESTERFIELD BENNT SPIRE

How Benn at first failed to make Chesterfield shortlist

From Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, Chesterfield

Chesterfield Labour Party's anti-Benn faction showed its muscle at last Friday's meeting of the 23-strong constituency party executive.

Presented with a long list of 13 contenders for the succession to Mr Eric Varley, its first move was to restrict the shortlist to five names.

Then began a lengthy process of elimination which, at each stage, cuts out the last man in the ballot.

Mr Wedgwood Benn was a target for elimination because of the strongly-felt antipathy in the Chesterfield party to a man who was thought to have provoked the left-right struggles which so damaged Labour between 1981 and last June.

Despite public protestation, it was felt that Mr Neil Kinnock would privately prefer Mr Benn to be left out in the political wilderness. Prejudice against Mr Benn has also been underscored by polls which suggest that it would be much more difficult for Labour to hold the constituency if he was the candidate.

In the event, Mr Wedgwood Benn was eliminated on the seventh vote of the evening and the final and eighth ballot, having eliminated a Derbyshire councillor, produced the recommended shortlist.

The result gave Mr John Lenthall, local party treasurer, 22 votes; Mr Phillip Whitehead, former MP for Derby North, and Mr William Flanagan, leader of Chesterfield Borough Council, 21 votes each; Mr Clifford Fox, leader of Derbyshire North-east District Council, 18 votes; and Mr David Wilcox, a Derbyshire county councillor, 17 votes.

The fact that Mr Benn was eliminated and that a dark horse, Mr Lenthall, came top indicated only that Mr Benn's opponents were well organized.

Of 34 nominations for the 13 contenders, Mr Benn had cornered twelve nominations from constituency wards and union branches. Even when he was eliminated by the executive he still mustered 13 votes.

Mr Benn was added to the shortlist by a clear, if narrow majority of delegates to the constituency's general management committe.

That result meant that while the anti-Benn faction had the muscle on the executive, Mr Benn had his own muscle on the general committee; and next Sunday's final selection conference will be held by that same general committee.

Israel rebuff for Belfast study group

Five members of the Democratic Unionist Party returned to Belfast last night after a six-day visit to Israel where they had hoped to learn lessons on frontier security which would be applicable on Northern Ireland's border with the Irish Republic. The group was headed by the party's deputy leader, Mr Peter Robinson.

It is understood, however, that the group did not receive facilities to study Israel's border security measures in any detail.

That owes more to Israel's traditional reluctance to discuss sensitive defence matters with foreigners than to efforts by Fr Sean McManus, director of the pro-Provisional IRA Irish National Caucus in Washington to persuade the Israelis not to receive the visitors.

● Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, yesterday criticized IRA statements that they would not attack security forces in the republic.

He said it was hypocrisy for the IRA to say that. "They have never been inhibited by murder.

● Mr Rory O'Brady, former leader of Provisional Sinn Fein, was in a serious condition in hospital in Dublin last night after a car crash on Saturday in co Kildare. Mr John Sills, aged 63, of Dublin, died in the accident.

Speelman set to take lead

From Harry Golombek
Hastings

There was much exciting play in the two rounds of the Ace grandmaster tournament played over the weekend at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.

The most decisive and thrilling games were in round 10. The Hungarian grandmaster Gyula Sax fell victim to a well-known variation of the English opening and lost in 16 moves.

Csom got into desparate time trouble against Martin and lost on time with five moves still to go. Alburt unsoundly sacrificed a piece against Speelman and although that game was adjourned after five hours it looked easily won for Speelman, who if he wins this game, will be leading with 7 points ahead of the Swedish grandmaster Karlsson who has 6½.

The remaining scores are: Martin 6, Flanick, Hedben and Suba 6½. Gurevich and Ivanov 4, Alburt and Short 3½ and one adjourned, and Sax 3½.

Results in Round 9: Mestel 1 Alburt 0, Alekhine's Def, 77 moves; Short ½ Karlsson ½, Sicilian Def 34; Gurevich 1 Martin 0, English Opening 41; Csom ½ Ivanov ½, QP Kings Indian Def 24; Hebden 0 Flanick 1, Sicilian Def 39; Kudrin 0 Suba 1 Sicilian Def 37; Sax ½ Speelman ½, Caro Kann Def 17.

Results in Round 10: Alburt adjourned against Speelman, QP Catalan System 43. Suba 1 Sax 0, English Opening 16; Flanick ½ Kudrin ½, QP Benoni Def 33; Ianov 0 Hebden 1, QP Kings Indian Def 40; Martin 1 Csom 0, QP Queen's Indian Def 35; Karlsson ½ Gurevich ½, English Opening 25; Mestel adjourned against Short, French Def 41.

Adjourned games results. Round 7: Gurevich ½ Flanick ½, 75. Round 8: Alburt 1 Sax 0, 57; Suba 1 Hebden 0 62; Flanick 0 Csom 1, 58.

£200m sales record set by Harrods

Harrods announced yesterday that it had become the first individual British store to achieve annual sales of more then £200m in a full trading year, which for Harrods ends on January 28. Last year the store achieved sales of £190m. Harrods broke through the £200m barrier on Saturday afternoon, the second day of its January sale. By the close of business sales had reached £201.3m since January 29 last year.

Harrods achieved the record sales despite the IRA car bomb explosion outside the store three weeks ago. Security has been strict since then.

Another record was set by Harrods when total trading for the first two days of the January sale reached £7.24m compared with £7.1m on the first two days of the sale last year.

Mr Aleck Craddock, chairman and managing director of Harrods, said that he was delighted to have passed the milestone:

Ombudsman denies Law Society bias

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The Ombudsman for solicitors' clients, Major-General John Allen, replies today in an unprecedented public statement to an accusation that he doctored a report and failed to censure the Law Society, the solicitors' professional body, in spite of his findings against it.

The Legal Action Group says Major-General Allen cited evidence clearly condemning the Law Society's credibility. He had made specific criticisms of the society's role in handling a complaint.

The solicitor who was the subject of the complaint, Mr Glanville Davies, of Queen Victoria Road, Llanelli, Dyfed, was a member of the Law Society council, its governing body, for 15 years.

Major-General Allen's report, however, had not mentioned the possible influence of that membership and the Mr Davies was known to those involved in the investigation.

Mr Davies was ordered to be struck off the the roll of solicitors by the High Court last October. Mr Leslie Parsons, a businessman, of Lon Hir, Carmarthen, had brought proceedings against Mr Davies claiming the Law Society failed to deal properly with complaints, which mainly concerned gross overcharging.

The group's criticism is in a press release and an article by its co-director, Mr Ole Hansen, in its journal, *Legal Action*.

It accuses Major-General Allen of "drawing selectively on background information", some of it higly tendentious, to present Mr Parsons in a poor light, produce sympathy for Mr Davies and limit, as far as is possible in the circumstances, the institutional damage to the society".

Major-General Allen denies any accusation of bias or that he was unfair to any of the parties. He says he did not fail to censure the Law Society.

He did not say, as alleged that Mr Parsons was largely to blame for the Law Society's refusal to act because he had presented his complaints in a confused manner.

EEC agriculture: 1

Farmers turn against CAP

The humiliating collapse of the EEC summit meeting in Athens recently, and the failure to agree on financial reforms, has inevitably called into question the future of the Community's biggest single item of expenditure, the common agricultural policy. In this three-part series, correspondents of *The Times* in Paris, Bonn, Brussels, Rome, Copenhagen and Dublin look at how the policy has affected agriculture in all the EEC countries except in the Mediterranean zone, what farmers think of it, and what are their hopes and fears for the future. Edited by John Young.

The EEC agriculture ministers meet in Brussels today to try to reach agreement on the future of the common agricultural policy (CAP). But their hearts can hardly be in it.

Not only are their governments in hopeless disarray over financing the budget, but ther CAP is not even popular with the Community's farmers. Indeed in a recent poll in France, of all places, six out of ten farmers reckoned that they had done badly out of the EEC.

That may come as no surprise to those who believe that farmers always complain anyway. But there is undoubtedly widespread disillusionment with the system, even hostility in some sectors.

The CAP was originally intended to be one of several common policies covering steel, energy, transport, and so on. A theoretical commitment to those policies remains, but the mind boggles at the consequences if the same system of protective levies, price supports and subsidies on exports had been applied to, say, steel.

But the CAP had a social as well as an economic purpose. It was intended to raise the living standards of what 20 years ago was a very much larger and more politically significant rural population and to achieve a higher level of self-sufficiency in food.

Up to a point it succeeded. But the new prosperity it brought was not evenly spread. Large and efficient farmers, particularly cereal growers, did so well that they could afford to become still larger and more efficient, while their smaller colleagues were tempted or forced to sell their holdings.

Bonanza ends

François Capelle, aged 35, and his younger brother farm 1,250 acres of rich arable land in Picardy.

They expect a turnover this year of about £400,000 and a pretax profit of between £60,000 and £80,000. They have done well out of the EEC, and know it, but they also know that the bonanza cannot go on for ever.

Mr Capelle wants to see the EEC concentrate its energies on developing export opportunities, and he also advocates greater specialization on a regional level to improve efficiency.

The effort to stem the historical flight from the countryside to the cities was a failure. In 1962 20 per cent of Frenchmen worked on the land; today the figure is down to 8 per cent.

When the CAP was introduced in 1962, France had the lowest wholesale prices for agricultural products in the Community, and the largest production. So it was certain to benefit most from the introduction of high guaranteed prices and a bigger market.

But the benefits which accrued then are now often forgotten.

Although France receives the lion's share of farm subsidies, it has the most farmers, 1,800,000 among whom to divide them. Each French farmer receives less from the CAP than his Dutch, Belgian, Danish, Irish or British counterpart.

When West Germany joined the Community, its expectations were focused primarily on the opportunities offered to its profitable manufacturing industry, and it was less concerned with the fate of its surprisingly inefficient farming sector.

Under the impulse of protective measures forced through by its partners, however, German agriculture has benefited, but the average annual profits of a farming family are still some 29 per cent below the average wages in small industries.

In Italy changes have been so radical that it is difficult to see where the responsibility of the Cummunity's policies begins and ends. Since the end of the second World War Italy has changed from an economy based primarily on agriculture to a predominantly industrial society.

In 1958 one agricultural worker produced food for five and a half people; now the ratio is one to twenty-three. But the average farm is still less than 18 acres, and the CAP is seen to have given particular assistance to temperate zone products, and so assisted the comparative prosperity of the north at the expense of the poor South.

The average farm in the Netherlands is equally small, but the Dutch have never placed much reliance on an artificial price support policy.

Since the war the number on the land has fallen from a quarter to no more than five per cent of the population. The CAP has encouraged the development of the most productive dairy sector in Europe, but it has probably not influenced the scale of farming.

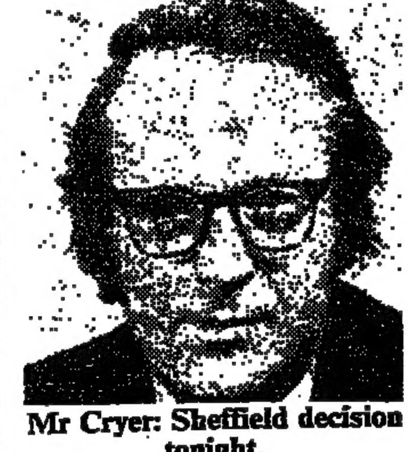
Tomorrow: The newcomers.

Cryer seeks Euro nomination

By Julian Haviland,
Political Editor

Next door to Chesterfield, where Mr Wedgwood Benn is fighting for the Labour nomination in the coming by-election, his former close associate at Westminster, Mr Robert Cryer, is seeking selection tonight to fight the Sheffield seat in the elections next June to the European Assembly.

Sheffield is one of the safest European seats for Labour, which is choosing a candidate in place of Mr Richard Caborn, another Benn supporter, who will not seek reelection because he was returned to Westminster as MP for Sheffield Central at the last general election.



Mr Cryer: Sheffield decision tonight.

Mr Cryer then lost his seat as MP for Keighley. At tonight's selection meeting his strongest opponent is Mr Roger Barton, a Sheffield city councillor. Both are left-wing opponents of the European Economic Community.

The only EEC supporter on the shortlist, Mr Alan Wade, president of the Sheffield Attercliffe Labour Party, is regarded as an outsider.

Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of the British Labour group in the European Parliament, also faces a stiff fight tonight for selection at Greater Manchester West. She has the same number of nominations as the only other contestant, Mr Frank White, former MP for Bury and Radcliffe, who was born and raised inthe constituency.

Jay agrees pay deal

By Jonathan Clare

Mr Peter Jay, who resigned as chairman and chief executive of TV-am last March, will receive the final instalment of his £120.000 severance pay in July under a new formula agreed with the breakfast television company.

The first instalment of one fifth was paid under the original terms last August. Mr Jay has just received another two fifths and will now receive the remaining two fifths in six months.

TV-am had agreed to pay Mr Jay, a former ambassador to the United States and former economics editor of *The Times*, compensation equivalent to two years' salary and pension rights.

Miss Anna Ford, who left a month after Mr Jay, has settled out of court. Miss Angela Rippon is expected to have her compensation resolved this month.

Rate-action rebels see Thatcher

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

Conservatives in local government say they will not moderate their opposition to the Government's rate-capping Bill however much cajoling Mrs Thatcher does when she meets them in private today.

A dozen leading Consevative councillors have been summoned to Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister in an attempt to ease the passage of the Rates Bill, which receives its second reading in Parliament next week.

Although the guest list, drawn up on the initiative of Lord Bellwin, the Minister for Local Government at the Department of the environment, contains several councillors who fully support the Government's plans, Mrs Thatcher is unlikely to persuade the four key men at the meeting, the representatives of the Conservative-controlled associations of district and county councils, which between them represent more than 300 councils in England and Wales.

One of these, Mr Lewis Moss, leader of the Association of County Councils, said yesterday that they had been invited by the Pime Minister "primarily so she could put her views to us".

A leading councillor suggested yesterday that the meeting had been called not because the Prime Minister felt the need for personal lobbying, but because Lord Bellwin, who is also the Government's business manager in the Lords, is exceedingly anxious about the arithemetic of voting and whats pressure applied to the counties to cease their successful campaigning among Conservative peers.

Success in marriage, by the Church

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs
Correspondent

There are many ways of "making love" in marriage apart from sexual intercourse, a Church of England pamphlet on marriage says.

It lists among the possibilities: The farewell kiss when husband or wife leaves for work in the morning; holding hands while shopping; a caress while reading the newspaper together; or "simply a smile while sitting in the bus".

The pamphlet is intended for couples when they approach their local church to arrange their wedding. It is written by Canon Hugh Melinsky, director of northern ordination training in the Church of England, on behalf of the General Synod board for social responsibilty.

Called *Forward to Marriage*, it replaces the Church's previous official premarriage booklet, *The Threshhold of Marriage*, which has been widely used for 50 years.

The new pamphlet is frank about sex, discussing for example how often intercourse should occur (answer: "How long is a piece of string?"). But sexual intercourse is "only one part of a constant social intercourse, which can provide for loving in all sorts of different ways".

Foreward to Marriage (Church Information Office, Church House, Westminster, SW1: 40p).

● Romance is on the way out in 1984, women who answered a survey in *Options* magazine say.

They complained that they rarely heard the three words they cherished most: "I love you."

Honours system

Knighthoods and Tory funds

By Peter Hennessy

The 1984 New Year Honours list shows the Thatcher Government has maintained its practice of awarding peerages and knighthoods to businessmen whose companies have contributed to Conservative funds, according to an analysis produced by the Labour Research Department (LRD).

An LRD study last month of Mrs Thatcher's first eight honours lists estimated that companies that "dominated" Conservative fundraising had received honours at twice the rate of companies which dominate the economy.

Mr John Walker, of LRD, an organization funded by 50 trade unions, said last week: "The eight honours lists of 1979-82 accounted for £2.75m in donations. The January, 1984, list accounts for £500,000. The scale of generosity identifeid in December has been more than maintained by the current list."

Twenty of 33, or about 60 per cent of industrialists receiving knighthoods in 1979-83 were associated with donating companies. Five of the eight made knights last week, or some 63 per cent, were in a similar position.

Several of the eight hold directorships in the finance or construction sectors of the economy. LRD identifies those areas as the most generous contributors to Conservative funds – from its analysis of 2,000 sets of company accounts, the department estimated by that between 1979 and 1982, those sectors accounted for 44 per cent of gifts.

Mr Walker said: "The correlation of honours and funds for the Conservative cause remains a remarkable one, and continues to be a cause for concern. A publicly accountable form of scrutiny over the honours selection procedure is the only way that suspicion of a quid pro quo system at work can be abated."

The Times disclosed last month that concern about backdoor political patronage had led to a tightening of the procedures operated by the independent Political Honours Scrutiny Committee, which consists of Lord Shackleton, Lord Carr of Hadley and Lord Franks.

The committee screens, as a matter of routine the names of those specifically nominated



Mr John Walker: "Cause for concern".

NAME	DIRECTORSHIPS	COMPANIES' DONATIONS 1979-82 (£)
Peerage		
Alistair McAlpine	Joint Hon Treasurer, Conservative Party.	
	Robert McAlpine[1]	133,000
Knighthoods		
Edwin Ronald Nixon	IBM	nil
	Royal Insurance	115,500
Timothy Bevan	Barclays Bank	nil
	Commercial Union	102,500
Richard Bailey	Royal Doulton[2]	70,200
Alan Veale	GEC	50,000
Oswald Davies	Amec[3]	4,800
Peter Walters	BP	nil
John Cater	Distillers	nil
Peter Thompson	National Freight	nil
		476,000

1. Sir Robert McAlpine is a subsidiary of Newarthill, which made the donation.
2. Royal Doulton Is a subsidiary of S Pearson that made the donation.
3. Amec is an amalgamation of the Fairclough Group and William Press Construction, the donations were made by William Press before the 1982 amalgamation.

Donations include those made direct to the Conservative Party (£289,200), those made to British United Industrialists, which according to Central Office passes 80 per cent of the money over to the party (£179,500), the Centre For Policy Studies, formed by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph as a Conservative "think tank" (£6,500) and the Tory Bow Group (£800). They exclude, however, the £85,862 given by companies associated with five of the men in the list, to the Economic League.

Source: Labour Research Department.

Challenge to tax relief on company pension contributions

By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

The panoply of tax reliefs and exemptions, which "cost" the Exchequer about £40 billion a year in forgone revenues, have come under the Treasury's microscope as part of its review of public spending over the next decade.

Particularly close attention is likely to be paid to tax relief on contributions to companny pensions funds, amounting to more than £1 billion in 1982-83 on official government figures, and more than £5 billion according to unpublished Inland Revenue estimates.

But mortgage interest tax relief, worth more than £2 billion, to which the Prime Minister is staunchly committed, is not a candidate for the axe.

Reliefs and exemptions, known in the jargon as "tax expenditures", now cost the Government more than the entire social security budget of £34 billion this year, and their expense is growing.

The Treasury is concerned to ensure that, in looking at the long-term trends of public spending and their implications for government finances, the other side of the balance sheet is taken into consideration as well. Ministers are also questioning whether the large sums expended on tax reliefs would not be better applied to, say, reducing the basic rate of tax for everyone.

Abolition of reliefs on pension contributions and life assurance premiums could, for instance, finance an income tax cut of 6p in the pound, leaving people with more of their own money to spend or save as they wished. Each 1p-off income tax costs about £1 billion.

COST OF MAIN TAX RELIEFS 1982-83

	£m
Income tax	
Married man's allowance	9,380
Single person's allowance	5,130
Wife's earned income allowance	2,510
Exemption of first £5,250 of investment income from surcharge	880
Relief for pension schemes	1,100(5,100)*
Relief for self-employed pension payments	390
Relief for life assurance premiums	590
Mortgage interest tax relief	2,150
Capital gains tax	
Exemption of own home	3,000
Stamp duty	
Exemption of government stocks and local authority loans	2,100
Company taxes	
Reliefs for investment, stocks and double taxation	say, 13,000

*Unpublished Inland Revenue calculations for 1983-84. Source: Public expenditure White Paper, 1983 vol 2.

The political difficulties of removing tax reliefs would be immense, The Chancellor may get some support from Cabinet colleagues in charge of spending departments who may see the opportunity to avoid painful cuts in their own programmes. But the abolition or scaling down of mortgage interest rax relief, which the Treasury favours, would run into implacable opposition from Mrs Thatcher, who believes in using the tax system to promote the things – such as home-ownership – which she supports.

At the time of the last Budget it was Mrs Thatcher who insisted, against Treasury advice, that the ceiling for mortgage relief be raised from £25,000 to £30,000.

Pension contributions may prove a more vulnerable target. The government already has the whole system of pension provision under review.

Legislation is planned in the next parliamentary session to improve provision for people who change jobs and an inquiry into the long-term costs of pensions has been launched by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

The Treasury fears that the costs of both state and occupational pensions, on benefit levels now promised, could prove insupportable by the early years of the next century. Abolition of tax relief on pension contributions would encourage people to provide for their old age in ways which were not a charge on the state, in particular through direct investment in stocks and shares, which ministers are anxious to promote.

There is also growing opposition within the Conservative Pary – most vigorously expressed by the right-wing Centre for Policy Studies – to the present system of occupational pensions. Critics claim that it distorts savings choices, inhibits job mobility, gives too much power to the big financial institutions (and not enough incentive for them to improve performance), and deters the spread of wealth because pensions, unlike houses or other financial assets, cannot be passed on to the next generation.

The Treasury's review of long-term public spending plans is expected to be completed before the summer. Some results are likely to be published as part of the public debate the Chancellor believes is necessary. But the form of the document has not yet been decided.



Christmas fare: Three girls joining in the singing at the annual Mad Hatter's Ch Party for nearly 700 handicapped children organized by the London Taxidrivers for Underprivileged Children, with Trusthouse Forte at Grosvenor House ye (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

abour MPs seek assurances on ew 'identity' cards

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

osition MPs are to d assurances from overnment that new ne readable" national ce number cards, to be eventually to every ual, will not be used for ance or for the basis of a l identity card system.

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t two million of the ill be issued each year to rants to the system – to eavers, new immigrants ople who change their for example by marriage anyone who loses their card. There are no plans replace the cards of national insurance holders.

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ichael Meacher, Oppo- spokesman on social said that the new card Orwellian" possibilities, s the key to the of a monitoring and nce system through r data banks, "even if ot the stated intention oment".

ould be asking Mr Fowler, Secretary of Social Services, what s the Government could give that the cards would not be used in that way, he said. The National Council for Civil Liberties has called for their introduction to be postponed until the implications have been debated.

Mr Anthony Newton, Under Secretary of State, who is to launch a £600,000 campaign today publicizing the cards said yesterday: "The suggestion that there is some sinister police state intention behind this is utterly absurd".

He said that the cards were intended only to improve the efficiency of the social security system. Individuals needed to know their national insurance number so that their employer could handle their contributions, and to claim a whole range of social security benefits.

The magnetic strip had been included because the Department of Health and Social Security was in the throes of a 15-year programme to computerize the social security system. The inclusion of a machine readable code opened up the possibilty of using the card to call up information on an individual's social security rights and records, removing the need for individuals to give the same information over and over again.

Asked if he could give a guarantee that people would not be made to carry the cards, Mr Newton said: "It is a much broader question that somebody might want to think about at some time in the future, but there is no thinking that has been given to that and no intention of that kind at all."

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Increased sales of spirits

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

The first sign for three years of an improvement in sales of spirits is reported by the Wine and Spirit Association. In the third quarter of last year, on annual comparison, sales rose by 10.1 per cent, with British-produced spirits up 9.5 per cent.

Imported spirits were up 12.3 per cent, with cognac showing a 22.6 per cent rise and other brandies an increase of 28.4 per cent.

Because the basis of customs and excise statistics have been changed comparisons are difficult, but British-produced gin sales have risen by 21 per cent in the third quarter compared with the same period the year before and whisky sales may have increased by about 6 per cent.

The third quarter improvements are being regarded with caution by the association, whose chairman, Mr Guy Gordon Clark, poins out that the cumulative total for the year is only 1.4 per cent up, with the moving annual total rising by only 0.9 per cent.

He said: "This is the first positive change recorded for some three years. Welcome as it is, the increase is very small and could be upset once again by the end of the fiscal year."

First patients for spinal unit

A purpose-built spinal injuries treatment centre at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, accepts its first patients today.

The 48-bed Duke of Cornwall unit, costing nearly £10m to build and equip, will treat more than hundred cases a year from the Wessex and South-west health regions.

Sinclair attacks schools market

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

Sir Clive Sinclair, who has sold more than two million microcomputers , is to launch his most advanced and expensive machine this Thursday, as a challenge to the model sold by the BBC in the same price range.

The new machine, called the QL, standing for Quantum Leap, will introduce Sinclair to a more mature microcomputer market which has been dominated, particularly in the schools, by the two models produced for the BBC by the Cambridge computer manufacturer Acorn.

The Sinclair machines, which are expected to be made by Thorn-EMI, one of the main manufacturers of Sinclair microcomputers, will be available in the spring. The memory of the new machines will be capable of storing about 130,000 bits of information (128K), almost three times the capacity of the largest Sinclair computer, the Spectrum, of which more than a million have been sold.

The QL, will have a typewriter keyboard, twin disc drives and the facility to be networked, one of the advantages of the BBC machine of which 200,000 have been sold. Networking allows the user either to link directly with other machines or to have his computer attacked to a larger system.

The QL is a demonstration that Sir Clive is capable of satisfying the top end of the educational market.

● The BBC is to broadcast computer programmes on Radio 4. The service is part of the new weekly computer magazine series *The Chip Shop*. Presented by Barry Norman, which starts on Saturday.

The programs, which will last about 40 seconds, can be recorded and fed into home computers. For the broadcasts the BBC has secured the UK rights to Basicaode, a kind of Esparanto for computers, developed by the Dutch broadcasting organization NDS.

To use the transmissions, listeners will need a Basicode kit which consists of a cassette and a handbook

● Fifty houses to be built in Peterborough are thought to be the first in the world equipped with built-in home computers.

Youth custody study

A team of experts has begun a study into the use of custody for young offenders. The team will examine the numbers locked up and possible alternatives. The group's chairman is Professor Norman Tutt, of Lancaster University, who believes there has been an increase in the number of juveniles being put in custody.

Professor Tutt said: "We hope we will be able to raise this important topic of debate and question the current apparently inevitable increase in the numbers of young people locked up."

The team is attempting to compare the policies towards juveniles adopted by four legal systems – those of England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

Recent reports have highlighted the rapid expansion of custody for juveniles in England and Wales.

Demand for fresh food increases

By John Young,
Agriculture Correspondent

An unexpected swing away from frozen foods towards fresh produce is shown in an independent market survey reported in *The Grocer*.

The survey, by Euromonitor, also shows the rising popularity of canned foods after years of decline. Sales rose 8 per cent last year, mainly, it is thought, because of improved packaging and the increasing variety of "exotic" products.

The British food market rose by 2 per cent in real terms to £27,600m. Frozen sood sales, however, fell by 3 per cent, while those of fresh fish increased by 40 per cent, breakfast cereals by 15 per cent, crispbreads by 11 per cent, fresh fruit by 9 per cent, and "speciality" vegetables, such as courgettes, peppers and aubergines, by 70 per cent.

There was also a growing demand for delicatessen foods such as cooked meats, shellfish and Continental cheeses.

According to *Farmers Weekly*, an analysis of government statistics by National Farmers' Union economists, shows wages in the last 10 years have substantially outstripped food prices. Last year, the average wage-earner worked 25 minutes to buy 1lb of lamb, compared with 38 minutes in 1973.

One pint of milk took 3.6 minutes to earn compared with 3.7 minutes, a dozen eggs 12.6 minutes (27.9), a loaf of bread 6.4 minutes (7.6), 1lb of beef 49.7 minutes (52.2), 1lb of pork 18 minues (31.8), 1lb of bacon 25.4 minutes (42) and 1lb of butter 16.9 minutes (17).

The two main exceptions were potatoes and sugar, which were marginally more expensive.

Poll shows support f wider police powers

By a Staff Reporter

A majority of the public supports in principle such controversial police powers as stop-and-search and the use of water cannon, tear gas and plastic bullets to control civil disorders.

The use of telephone taps or confidential files, however, is considered unacceptable.

With hearings in committee on the Government's Police and Criminal Evidence Bill due to resume in Parlaiment next week, the results of a MORI poll commissioned by *The Sunday Times* and published yesterday also showed that 32 per cent of the 1,082 people interviewed last month did not trust the police to tell the truth.

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Those who were willi trust the police with the to stop and search totall per cent; 62 per cent app of the various crowd co devices, and 61 per cent ha objections to mass fingerp ing in areas where se crimes had been committed

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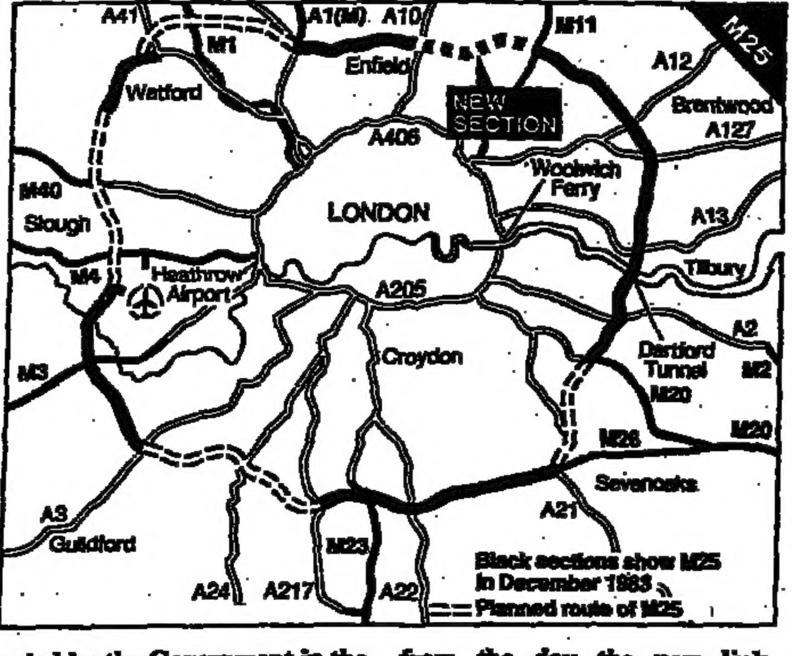
ek Sir Keith outlined and ambitious programme" to improve achievements. He wants school curriculums made more relevant to the modern world and examinations improved to measure individuals' achievements more precisely.

Speaking yesterday on BBC Radio's *World This Weekend* programme, Sir Keith said he hoped children and the country as a whole would benefit by the early 1990s.

Sir Keith's appeal, page 8

M25 brings Scotland closer to Europe

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor



Scotland and the north of England will move a sharp step closer to Europe with the opening of a key section of London's M25 orbital motorway later this month.

The eight-mile stretch through Epping Forest is due to be opened on January 25 by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport. It will provide a through route from Glasgow to the Channel ports on motorway and dual carriegeway trunk roads virtually all the way.

It is the most important section of the M25 yet, providing a complete by-pass round north-east London and the North to the cross-channel ferry services to Europe.

Traffic from the north will join the M25 at the South Mimms junction on the A1(M) to the Dartford Tunnel under the Thames, then directly by motorway south of the river to the A2 to Dover or the M20 to Folkestone.

The stretch has taken two years to build and cost about £80m, a price inflated by th cost of two tunnels through environmentally sensitive areas around Epping Forest.

There was fierce opposition from environmental groups and delays to planning inquiries before the tunnels were conceded by the Government in the late 1970s.

Traffic is expected to build up rapidly to about 50,000 vehicles a day, many of which have travelled up to now on adjoining roads or through the centre of London. The link is therefore expected to give widespread relief; in the first place to Waltham Abbey and Waltham Cross, two towns it directly by-passes, but also to other areas of central and north-east London such as Hackney, where a night-time lorry ban is being introduced from the day the new link opens to encourage lorry drivers to use it.

Motorists should be able to save as much as an hour, as well as wear and tear on the nerves, by driving round the motorway instead of fighting through London in peak periods.

The RAC yesterday described it as a "magnificent step" which would make life a great deal easier for drivers, particularly those from Scotland and the North. "There will be less aggravation, "the RAC said. "It will be quicker, less tiring, and a safer than struggling through central London."

The Freight Transport Association is urging industrial firms to instruct drivers to change to the M25 now that it provides a through link to the Kent coast.

"This was the last remaining gap for traffic from Scotland, the North, and Midlands to the South-east and the Channel ports. It is therefore very important not only to industry, whose goods will move faster but also to Londoners who will be relieved of heavy through traffic," the association said. "We hope all lorry drivers will use it to the maximum possible extent."

However, road users still have two complaints about the latest stretch of Britain's most important new road: there will be no service areas for food, fuel, and rest anywhere between the A1 and the Dartford Tunnel and tolls will still be charged for traffic through the tunnel even though, in their view, it now forms an integral part of th M25.

"It is a nonsense to go on charging tolls for this short stretch of an otherwise toll-free motorway", the association said. "Stopping traffic to collect tolls is bound to cause delays."

Arafat ready to resume talks with Husain on future of West Bank

Amman (AFP and Reuter) – Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, says he proposes to resume talks with King Husain in Amman as soon as the PLO fighters recently evacuated from Tripoli are resettled, it was reported yesterday.

In statements carried by the Jordanian press, Mr Arafat was quoted as saying he was prepared to resume the talks which he and the Jordanian monarch had begun last year on a joint position on Middle East peace negotiations proposed by President Reagan.

The talks, which were aimed at exploring the possibility of King Husain's representing the PLO in talks with Israel on the future of the Israeli-occupied territories, broke off last spring, reportedly through pressure from Syrian-backed PLO hard-liners.

Mr Arafat said he would travel to Amman to meet the King as soon as arrangements were completed for the resettlement of the 4,000 guerrillas evacuated from northern Lebanon last month.

He described King Husain's decision to recall the suspended Jordanian Parliament for a special session today as an "internal affair", adding that he hoped it held no "politic[al] implications for the We[st] Bank".

However, some politic[al] observers here believe that the convocation of Parliament might be intended to p[ut] pressure on Mr Arafat [to] resume talks with Jordan.

A royal decree last Thursd[ay] said Parliament would meet today to appoint members who had died. Eight West Bank seats are expected to be filled, in a move regarded as a possible attempt to bring West Bank Palestinians into the peace process.

In another development a representative of the hard-line Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine returned to Damascus from Tunis yesterday, without taking part in a meeting of the PLO's 1[5]-member executive committee and without meeting Mr Arafat.

The group, while remaining neutral in the conflict between pro- and anti-Arafat forces w[ithin] the PLO's largest guerrilla organization, Fatah, has criticized Mr Arafat's meeting with President Mubarak of Egypt in Cairo last month.

[Mr] Arafat was quoted yester[day] as saying his meeting with [Pres]ident Mubarak was aimed [at r]estoring the balance of [powe]r in the region.

[In]terviewed by Jordanian [repor]ters in Tunis Mr Arafat [said] the meeting was designed [to r]estore the balance vis-à-vis [the b]lets which Israel creates. [The] balance of power cannot be [resto]red without the return of [Egyp]t" to the Arab fold.

[R]IYADH: The foreign mini[sters] of Lebanon, Syria and [Saud]i Arabia were meeting in [Riya]dh yesterday for talks [whic]h informed Saudi sources [said] could be crucial to efforts [to] halt the bloodshed in [Leb]anon (Reuter reports).

[M]r Abdul-Halim Khaddam [of S]yria and Mr Elie Salem of [Leb]anon flew to Riyadh yester[day] to join Prince Saud al-[Fai]sal, their Saudi colleague, [who] has been actively mediat[ing] in Lebanon since the [sum]mer.

[M]r Khaddam was quoted by [the] official Saudi Press Agency [on] his arrvial here as saying: "[W]e will discuss whatever helps [the] restoration of peace and [sec]urity in Lebanon and the [ach]ievement of national recon[cili]ation."

Israel scotches pull-out report

From Moshe Brilliant, Tel Av[iv]

Israel yesterday dug in its heels over a withdrawal from Lebanon, and said it was still conditional on a Syrian pull-out.

Briefing the media after the weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, Mr Dan Meridor, the Government spokesman, said there was absolutely no truth to reports that Israel had softened its position.

"Our position ... is based on the accord and agreement we reached with Lebanon on May 17, 1983", the spokesman said. "The May 17 agreement calls for the withdrawal of all forces, including Israeli and, of course, the Syrian and PLO forces. There is no truth in the claim that Israel has taken a decis[ion] on withdrawal."

An Israeli radio commentat[or] said the statement reflected [a] conflict between Mr Yitzh[ak] Shamir, the Prime Minis[ter] and Mr Moshe Arens, th[e] Defence Minister. The anal[yst] said a senior defence establis[h]ment personality, in a briefi[ng] last week, had said a sim[ul]taneous Syrian withdrawal w[as] no longer a prerequisite.

Reports of a moderation [of] Israel's stance also came fr[om] Washington, where Mr Don[ald] Rumsfeld, President Reag[an's] Middle East envoy, was r[e]ported to have stated after [the] Jerusalem talks last week t[hat] he was authorized to tell [Sy]rians that Israel was ready to [ph]ase out its troops without a [Sy]rian withdrawal.

Mr Meridor said the Prime [M]inister had, in fact,given Mr [R]umsfeld the regular Israeli [po]sition. However, the Cabinet [sp]okesman did not rule out that [re]deployment, and a thinning-[o]ut of forces or withdrawal to [th]e Zaharani river line, may [h]ave been considered by vari[o]us forums, including the [d]efence establishment.

But he added: "The com[p]etent authority under Israeli [la]w in these matters is the [C]abinet and it has never [d]iscussed a redeployment [p]lan."

Rabbi bailed after giving himself up

Jerusalem (AFP, Reuter) – Rabbi Meir Kahane, right-wing extremist leader of the Jewish Kach group, yesterday gave himself up to Israeli police here after escaping from custody on Thursday. He was immediately released on bail.

He was arrested and charged with incitement to riot on Thursday after driving through Jerusalem with a placard saying he supported the Jewish movement called "Terror Against Terror", a group which has claimed responsibility for grenade attacks on Muslim and Christian religions sites.

He has been arrested and jailed on many occasions since arriving here from the United States about 15 years ago. He was released yesterday on £160 bail and ordered to forfeit his passport.

His Jewish Kach group militantly seeks the expulsion of all Arabs from territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 war and a legal ban on sexual relations between Muslims and Jews.

Mid-East tour for Howe

Cairo (Reuter) – The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, arrived yesterday on the opening leg of a five-day tour of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria, his first visit to the region since he took offiee in June.

He told reporters at Cairo airport that Britain was anxious to see progress in the Middle East peace process, but said: "It would be presumptuous of me to come here on a first visit to offer a blueprint of peace for the Middle East.

"I shall be hoping to learn what steps might be taken towards this objective."

Sir Geoffrey will discuss Lebanon, prospects for Middle East peace and the Gulf War between Iran and Iraq.

Officials said Britain, which contributes to the peacekeeping force in Beirut, felt the time was ripe to see whether progress could be made towards withdrawal of the force.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mr Kamal Hassan Ali, who was at the airport to meet Sir Geoffrey, said Egypt was "longing to see some support for the peaceful efforts that are going on. Egypt has some ideas for the peace process."

● **Saudi visitor:** President Mubarak of Egypt had five hours of talks yesterday with Prince Talal Ibn Abdul-Aziz, the first senior member of the Saudi Arabian royal family to visit Egypt since Cairo signed a 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

They declined to elaborate on their talks, but diplomats said the visit might improve Egyptian-Saudi relations and raised the possibility of Egypt's return to the Islamic Conference Organization, which is to hold its summit in Morocco next week.



Into action: US Marines going into combat in Beirut yesterday after a helicopter unloading troops came under fire 500 yards from the British Embassy, which houses the US Embassy. One Marine died in the exchange.

Habré stays away from Addis talks on Chad

Addis Ababa (AFP) – The Organization of African Unity talks to resolve the Chadian civil war met their first setback before today's official opening, when President Hissène Habré of Chad yesterday refused to attend.

Mr Habré assigned his Interior Minister, Mr Taher Guinassou, to lead the Ndjamena delegation to the conference after President Mengistu Haile Mariam of Ethiopia, the current OAU president, accorded an official welcome to Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the former president and leader of the Transitional Government of National Unity (Gunt), on his arrival in Addis Ababa earlier in the day.

The Chadian Foreign Minister, Mr Idriss Miskine, who was expected to lead the Ndjamena delegation if Mr Habré chose not to attend, died suddenly of malaria on Saturday, the Ndjamena Government announced.

Mr Goukouni arrived from Libya on board a special plane with an entourage of 300, and Colonel Mengistu accompanied him to his hotel.

In Paris, sources close to the Chadian Embassy said the welcome, which the Chadian Government feared, took place "despite undertakings given. It means opposition is put on an equal footing with the legal and legitimate Government of Chad".

In Addis Ababa, the welcome was described as "half way between that reserved for a visiting head of state and an ex-incumbent"; sources said this was "a formula agreed upon by the OAU in advance".

There was no military band or 21-gun salute for Mr Goukouni, who was ousted from Ndjamena by Mr Habré in June, 1982, but still holds most of northern Chad.

Such a reception was in store for Mr Habré himself had he come, according to sources here, as his regime has been considered legitimate by the OAU since the summit last June.

Mr. Goukouni previously offered to go as head of one of Chad's warring factions if Mr Habré did the same. It was feared that Mr Goukouni would not be satisfied with Mr Guinassou as head of the Ndjamena delegation.

The OAU conference organizers invited the 11 signatories of the 1979 Lagos Accords which established the GUNT Government.

Of the eight Lagos Accords signatories expected at the conference, seven have already arrived, with only Mr Moussa Medela, who heads the western armed forces, still to come.

Nigeria's economic plight

Buhari told to change tack

From Kenneth Mackenzie, Lagos

A week after seizing power the new military rulers off Nigeria were being pointedly reminded yesterday that they need ideas as well as guns if power is to be exercised effectively.

"Nigeria's real problems are of a basic structural nature, and are not merely the outcome of bad and corrupt administration", Ola Balogun, a senior commentator, wrote in the *Sunday Concordd*.

He argued that the 23 years since independence had been spent "marching in the wrong direction". He wanted a turning away from dependence on overseas manufacturers towards the "beginning of national self-reliance".

Other commentators have drawn attention to the fact that General Mohammed Buhhari's analysis of Nigeria's economic ills in his first broadcast as head of state bore an uncanny resemblance to President Shehu Shagari's last analysis of those ills before he was toppled.

The general proposed the same remedies, on the whole, but carried out with discipline instead of profligate corruption. This may help a little, but not much. He will use the same civil service, too.

A big test is likely to be whether the military men will grasp the nettle of devaluation. This makes sense economically but has always been regarded as political heresy.

Now would be the time for some bold strokes – such as abolishing almost all subsidies and controls (ineffective and invitations to corruption), and recognizing that the only way to increase food production is to increase prices paid to farmers (President Shagari's grandiose "green revolution" did little other than make some importers of fertilizer rich).

Another would be to wipe out the huge debts various state corporations owe to each other (broadcasting authorities to the telephone department, the telephone men to the electricity authorities, and so on).

A clean slate would help, though international debts would obviously have to be honoured. Apart from that, the best way to avoid rules being brokeen is not to have any rules. Market forces can deal with corruption if given a chance.

Nigerians are also beginning to realize, as the euphoria wears off after the best-organized coup they have ever experienced, that abolishing political parties does not abolish political problems. In particular, the coup has in its way emphasized the dangerous north-south divisiveness that Nigeria has always been liable to.

The 1979 constitution was carefully designed to combat this; but that constitution has failed. When the country gets sick of its military rulers and wishes to return to democracy, a new formula will have to be devised, cheaper to operate and not encouraging so many hands to dip into the till.

In the meantime the Yorubas and Ibos of the south are becoming aware that a government dominated by civilians of the northern Muslim establishment has been changed for a government dominated by soldiers of the northern Muslim establiishment.

The 19-member Supreme Military Council has three Ibo's and three Yorubas. General Buhari himself comes rom the Katsina part of Kaduna state, the heart of the north.

There are those in the north who think the region has a God-given right to provide the ruler of thhe nation, though they rarely say so in publ;ic. The former ruling party of President Shagari had a so-called "zoning" agreement that would have ensured that the south had a turn in providing a presidential candidate after his two terms had ended. And the southern-led other parties had dreams about winning the 1987 election.

Gowon moves on

General Yakubu Gowon, the former Nigerian military ruler, was to leave Togo for Paris last night and planned to travel on to London, informed sources in Lomé said. General Gowon returned to Nigeria in December, ending eight years in exile, after being pardoned by President Shagari. He has been in Lomé since two days before the coup, protected by Togolese troops (Reuter reports from Abidjan).

$8,000m man: Dr Henry Kissinger whose Commission on Central America is to recommend that sum be spent by the United States to stabilize the region.

Washington phone-tap affair

Reagan aide to hand over tapes

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Mr Charles Wick, America's propagandist and a personal friend of the Reagans for many years, will today hand over a batch of tape recordings he secretly made during telephone conversations with the rich, influential and the famous. Although vigourously defended over the weekend by President Reagan, he is struggling for survival.

Two congressional committees will listen to the tapes to determine whether they reveal any wrongdoings and to establish the extent of the surreptitious recordings. Despite the ghosts of the Nixon era raised by the affair, those who have heard the tapes say they are embarrassing rather than sensational.

Mr Wick's motives, according to his defenders, are simply that he has an obsession with detail and ceaselessely files notes into a pocket tape-recorder.

His telephone conversations, however appear to have been taped on to a large machine attached to his telephone at the US Information Agency, a many tentacled, multi-million dollar-body whose function is to spread America's view across the world. Mr Reagan appointed Mr Wick director a year ago.



Mr Charles Wick: Man with a legendary temper.

Those secretly recorded include Mr Walter Annenberg, the publisher; Mr James Baker, the White House Chief of Staff; Senator Mark Hatfield (Republican Oregon); Kirk Douglas, the actor and Mr Kenneth Adelman, now the director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Mr Wick is a flamboyant, wealthy businessman who has said derisively that his take-home pay from the agency would not even meet the $4,000 a month (£2,850) rent on his Washington apartment. He appears to be highly unpopular at almost every level in the department and already his booming temper is legendary in Washington.

The leaking of some of the tapes he kept in this office may well have been the work of an enemy in the organization.

Mr Reagan, however, is determined to help Mr Wick ride the storm. "I do not think that Charles Wick is a dishonourable man in any way", he said.

It is not illegal under federal or Washington DC laws to record telephone conversations secretly. However, some recordings were made by Mr Wick when he was on the telephone from Florida to Mr Baker in Washington, and under Florida law the practice is punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a heavy fine. The State Attorney in Florida is investigating.

Contadora initiative threatened

Panama City (Reuter) – Disagreements between Nicaragua and its four Central American neighbours have hampered progress at regional peace talks organized by the Contadora Group.

The Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Señor José Alberto Zambrano, said yesterday, after the start of talks marking the first anniversary of the Contadora effort, that there were misunderstandings.

But his Nicaraguan counterpart, Miguel D'Escoto, said the Sandinista Government objected to a proposal from El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras which would make key changes in a peace plan offered by Contadora.

Contadora last year approved a 21-point peace proposal aimed at ending guerrilla wars in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. The plan called for withdrawal of all foreign troops and advisers.

But the US-backed Central American nations have modified the proposal, advocating tight controls on foreign military advisers, rather than their complete withdrawal.



Failure by Thorn to break deadlock

An unexpected meeting between Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary and Mr Gaston Thorn, President of the European Commission, failed to make progress on the Community dispute over Britain's budget payments, according to EEC sources yesterday (our Foreign Staff writes).

Britain threatened last week to retaliate unless the Community paid a promised rebate of some £460m by April.

Mr Thorn, who left early Saturday after Friday's talks with the Foreign Secretary, is attempting to avert the crisis that would result if retaliation took the form of Britain withholding EEC contributions

Gun happy

Delhi (AFP) – The 18-year-old grandson of Indian President Giani Zail Singh is reported to have gone on a shooting spree at the palace and its 300-acre gardens last week, killing more than 300 birds, including protected Siberian cranes. According to the newspaper *Indian Express*, Gurinder Singh shot the birds while the President was away on a tour.

Easing grip

Dhaka (Reuter) – General Ershad, the Bangladesh ruler, restored limited political activity at the weekend to mark the beginning of formal talks with 41 opposition parties aimed at returning the country to democracy. But leaders of the two main opposition parties, Begum Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina Wazed, who have been demanding early elections, were absent from the talks.

Gandhi clash



Mrs Maneka Gandhi, daughter-in-law and political opponent of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, yesterday announced a new political challenge. She is to stand for Parliament in a constituency held by her brother-in-law, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, widely regarded as his mother's political heir. Maneka, aged 27, the widow of Mrs Gandhi's younger son, Sanjay, promised to field 200 candidates in national elections due next January.

Suicide bishop

New York (NYT) – The Most Rev William Prazsky, aged 68, Bishop of New York in the Slavonic Orthodox Church and pastor of the Eastern Orthodox monastery of St Andrew in the Bronx, hanged himself in his church last week on the day his church celebrated Christmas.

Brunei signs

Singapore – Brunei has become the smallest and wealthiest member of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean). The Sultanate is Asean's first new member since its inception in 1967, and is likely to be the last for some time.

Beach alert

Cherbourg (Reuter) – French police yesterday urged people using Normandy beaches to take extreme care after a crate containing four bottles of toxic silver nitrate was washed up near Cherbourg. The chemical came from an Iraqi cargo ship on its way from Liverpool to Kuwait, officials said.

Envoy dies

Washington (Reuter) – Mr Evgeny Gavrilov, aged 32, a Soviet diplomat, was found dead of asphyxiation "from a neck ligature" at the Soviet Embassy on Saturday but foul play was not suspected. Police say a rope was found near the body.

Rapist caned

Karachi (Reuter) – More than 10,000 people applauded as a labourer who had raped a four-year-old girl was caned 30 times in a Karachi football stadium. The rapist, after being taken to hospital for about 10 days, will begin a life prison sentence.

Quads well

Melbourne (AFP) – The world's first test-tube quadruplets were all breathing normally yesterday, after the last one was taken off oxygen. The parents – identified as Helen and Graham Muir – have named the four boys Sam, Ben, Christopher and Brett.

Correction

Paata Buchuladze, invited to sing in *Aida* at Covent Garden, is a bass, not a tenor as stated in a Moscow report on January 3. *Aida* will be performed in June with Luciano Pavarotti singing in the tenor role.

Tunisia needs to balance books and placate the people after riots

From Godfrey Morrison
Tunis

Although calm is returning here after President Habib Bourguiba's cancellation of bread price rises which had caused a week of bloody riots across the country, the affair leaves many worried people in its wake.

By dismissing the Interior Minister, Mr Driss Guiga, the President has selected his political "fall guy" and by adding his portfolio to the duties of the Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad Mzali, the 80-year-old leader has reaffirmed his confidence in his successor-designate, who many had expected to become chief scapegoat for the temporary collapse of law and order in this normally tranquil country.

But as he goes to his quiet office this morning, just outside the walls of the Medina, whose narrow streets once again teem with merchants and arguing shoppers trying to strike a bargain, Mr Mzali will know that his popularity with the public has dwindled, and that his Government faces a tough task in the next few weeks.

He has to balance the country's books without resort to a massive cut in Government spending on food subsidies, which the price rises would have achieved. The Government also knows it has been implicitly criticized by President Bourguiba, the nation's father figure, whose word is law.

In his nationwide broadcast cancelling the increases, which


President Bourguiba (left) and chosen heir, Mr Mzali.

within minutes turned a tense capital into a city in carnival, the President said he had only authorized that prices be increased "slightly". The Government had doubled them.

Mr Mzali, himself, appears to realize that his administration's action was hamfisted, telling foreign journalists that the Government might have "overestimated the Tunisians' capacity to accept austerity and sacrifices to strengthen the economy".

The President told the Government to come back in three months with a new budget. He does not rule out price rises which are not excessive and do not bear heavily on the poor. He mentioned increases in the price of wines and spirits.

He has set the Government a difficult task for, if bread prices are not significantly increased, economists predict Government outlay on subsidies will soar this year to more than £160m or over 10 per cent of present government spending.

It is not only Tunisia's economic managers who are worried by the "solution" to the crisis, but also many within the establishment who are weighing the country's political future. The past two years have seen two important political events.

The first was a general parliamentary election in November, 1981, which the Government announced with a great fanfare as a big step towards democracy but then proceeded to rig in a blatant manner.

The second was last week's serious unrest in which more than 50 people are believed to have died. For many Tunisians, the first event discredited the ballot box as a means for people to express their opinions, while the second validated rioting as a means of so doing.

"You don't have to have a PhD in political science to be able to draw certain conclusions about the dangers to Tunisia's future," one Western observer said.

The riots will have their consequences further afield, with hard-pressed African governments becoming even more nervous about heeding the advice of the International Monetary Fund, economists and bankers that they must rein in expenditure and put their economic houses in order.

Many African leaders will prefer to preside over a disorderly economic house rather than see their political edifice crash to the ground.


Lone rider: Eric Bonnac, the French motor-cyclist, mending a puncture in th… …hara near Tamanrasset, Algeria, on the fifth leg of the Paris-Daka…

Russians taunt Reagan on missiles

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

Pravda yesterday warned President Reagan that he was becoming the first American President to draw the Soviet armed forces "to the borders of the United States". The newspaper said that, after deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Western Europe, the Soviet Union had not only withdrawn from the Geneva arms talks, but had also taken "measures in response".

This was taken by diplomats to refer to President Andropov's warning in November that Moscow would threaten American territory "from the oceans and the seas". *Pravda* did not elaborate yesterday on his remarks and did not indicate whether submarine-launched missiles had already been stationed near American waters.

"Some Americans are beginning to fear that they will not be able to cope now that the genie is out of the bottle. They fear that Washington's attempt to substitute institutionalized terrorism for international law will backfire against the United States and the West in general".

Pravda said divisions between Washington and Western Europe over arms control were not instigated by Moscow, but reflected European mistrust of America. The United States had suffered a "moral and political defeat" in Europe because of its policies in Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean. *Pravda* reiterated that Russia had no intention of returning to the Geneva talks in the near future.

The breakdown of the Geneva talks and Soviet countermeasures against the West are to be discussed at the Stockholm security conference, which opens next week.

Yesterday *Pravda* gave prominence to a speech by Mr Grigory Romanov in West Germany, in which he accused Washington of hypocrisy over arms control. Mr Romanov, the Politburo member regarded as Mr Andropov's most likely successor in the event of a crisis, said in an address to the German Communist Party at Nuremberg that Russia would expend "huge efforts and vast resources" to preserve the nuclear balance.

● **Pilot rules outlined:** A senior fighter pilot has published a rare summary of rules for military pilots dealing with aircraft intruding in Soviet airspace, emphasizing that individual pilots may be forced to act on their own (AP reports).

The article by Colonel-General Sergei Golybev made only one mention of the September 1 incident in which a Korean airliner was shot down by a Soviet fighter.

Mayor joins row over paroling of killer

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles has reacted angrily over the release of the convicted San Francisco assassin, Mr Dan White, to a secret address in Los Angeles. Mr Bradley complained he was never told that Mr White would be paroled to his city.

The 37-year-old former policeman had served just over five years for killing the Mayor of San Francisco, Mr George Moscone and Mr Harvey Milk, a supervisor or city councillor and a homosexual. He had been convicted of manslaughter and was released early because of good behaviour.

Mr White has been moved into what is described as a motel-hotel type of home where he is expected to be using an assumed name. He will be given a job with little public contact and remain in Los Angeles for a year during parole.

Earlier the Mayors of San Francisco and San Diego had told the prison authorities that they did not want Mr White in their cities but over the weekend Mr Bradley bitterly protested against the failure of prison officials and his own police chief, Mr Daryl Gate, to inform him that Mr White would take up residence in his city. The police chief explained that, although he knew of the plan, it had slipped his mind.

Gay activists in Los Angeles are also outraged over Mr Whites basing himself in the city, calling it an insult to the homosexual community. While in San Francisco, Mr White was a vocal opponent of gay rights and has never indicated any remorse for the killings.

In San Francisco about 1,500 demonstrators held a peaceful but noisy rally in Union Square to protest against Mr White's early release, then took to the streets, carrying banners inscribed: "He Got Away With Murder".

Mr White was released under extraordinarily tight security. Last Thursday he was sneaked out of Soledad Prison lying face down on the seat of an unmarked prison car to avoid reporters

Soviet educati…

Andropov tries … the rot

From Richard Ow…

The attempt to overhaul the Soviet educational system is being seen as part of President Andropov's effort to ensure that reforms he outlined last year are implemented despite his illness.

It is not so long since television was extolling the virtues of Soviet secondary education at the start of the school year, with pictures of children listening attentively to competent and caring teachers.

Immense resources are devoted to children in the Soviet Union – the only privileged class, as officials like to put it – and in their strangely old-fashioned black-and-white uniforms. Russian shoolchildren seem on the surface to be well-behaved, model future Soviet citizens.

The official revelation that all is not well in the nation's classrooms came from Mr Andropov himself at the Central Committee plenum last June, when he deplored inadequate teaching of science, arts and ideology in the Soviet Union's 142,000 secondary schools and called for fundamental reform.

In November, *Pravda*, taking up the cue, said schools were producing politica… young people who… practical skills for … the real world outsi…

The newspaper … lighted educational … rural areas. "It is im… to be concerned by … civic responsibility … political naivety a… towards work and s… characterizes som… youth."

How to combine … the three Rs va… Marxist-Leninist ind… and specialized tech… ing at secondary lev… a problem for Sovie… trators since the 1920…

The latest refor… comes into force this… part of the Andropov… campaign, provides… creased practical expe… visits to factories. But… ists are worried by the… of Russia's sprawl… areas, where no such … available and where … riding desire of both… and pupils is to migra… more exciting urban ar…

As the press discl… month, there is practi… of the wrong sort … …ryside, where thousands of …-age children are drafted …he fields to help with the …st. According to *Pravda*, in …area of central Asia …children spent only four …s of the year in class and …st of the time planting and …sting cotton.

…other feature of the Andropov reform is that from 1986 …en will start school at the …f six and not seven, giving … an extra year for work …ence and ideological …g.

…chers, whose poor quality …eplored by Mr Andropov …e, will train for five years …ot four and men are to be …raged to enter an overwhelmingly female-dominated …traditionally underpaid …sion.

…sian-language teaching is … stepped up in the non-…n republics, where chil-…end to be taught in native … and have only a poor …edge of the language … in distant Moscow. …ooks are to be revised and …s will be asked to …rage their children to use … at home, instead of …ng television.

Britain resumes ai… …renada

St George's (Reuter) – Britain is resuming aid to Grenada, cut off nearly five years ago after the former Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, seized power in a coup, Lady Young, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said at the weekend.

"We hope to resume development aid to follow an initial grant of £750,000, which will be shaped in the light of (Grenada's) longer-term… she said. Lady Young … Paul Scoon, the Go… General, and members… interim government a… tering the island …

The Commonwealth … offered to help Grenad… Sonny Ramphal, the Se… General, said at the en… three-day visit.

● **DAKAR:** Lady You… …here yesterday for two … of talks with President … Diouf and members of …egal Government (Susan …nald writes).

… with Britain were …ened by the Senegalese …n to allow British forces … Dakar as a stopover on …y to the Falkland Islands. … Lady Young will be …onight.

Turks claim their place in Europe

From Rasit Gurdilek,
Ankara

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, threatened to sever all links with the Council of Europe if the 21-nation organization refused to allow representatives of Turkey's new civilian legislature into the council's Parliamentary Assembly.

The assembly is to convene at the end of the month, while its judicial commission is to meet today to consider, among other things whether Turkey can claim back its 12 seats, which have remained vacant since the military coup in September, 1980.

The Council has reservations about Ankara's readmission, since only three parties out of 15 are represented in the Turkish Parliament. The rest were banned, or barred from last November's general election.

However, in what appeared to be a conciliatory gesture, Mr Ozal pushed through a Bill last week which dispelled fears that the disqualified parties would be excluded also from local elections, the date of which was advanced to March 25.

On Saturday, at his first press conference since taking office last month, Mr Ozal said the poll had been democratic and hoped "the Council of Europe would not become a hostage of its past mistakes, would abandon its prejudicial and unjust attitudes and would now do its share for the normalization of its relations with Turkey.

"However, if the Parliamentary Assembly's attitude prior to the November 6 elections continues and, as a result, we cannot be represented at the parliamentary wing of the council, then, as we have already stated, we shall not continue to be present at the governmental wing, namely the Committee of Ministers. Inevitably, we would sever totally our relations with the Council of Europe."

Mr Ozal devoted a large part of the press conference to defending the sweeping reforms he has carried out in the hope of creating a healthy, market-oriented economy.

Mr Ozal said, on foreign relations, that ties with the Western community and close relations with the Arab-Islamic world were considered complementary.

Cambodians celebrate amid tight security

From David Watts, Singapore

Parading elephants and artillery marked the fifth aniversary of the Heng Samrin Government in Phnom Penh at the weekend. Thousands of Cambodians lined the street fronting the old royal palace, now called Lenin Street.

The anniversary was marked by tightened security and a spruced-up city to welcome foreign visitors, who included President Truong Chinh of Vietnam and his Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach.

President Heng Samrin told a rally he would welcome any initiative which would break the impasse between his country and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), whose foreign ministers were meeting in Jakarta at the weekend.

At a press conference, the Foreign Minister, Mr Hun Sen, rejected the suggestion that some of the Asean nations should form a peacekeeping force in Cambodia with Vietnam after the withdrawal of Hanoi's troops. Mr Sen said it would cause a new civil war because each backed opposing sides in the conflict.

● **AMPIL:** Ten thousand supporters of Mr Son Sann, the non-communist Prime Minister in the anti-Vietnamese coalition, held a rally in this Cambodian town near the Thai border to counter events in the capital (Neil Kelly writes).

Mr Son Sann condemned the Phnom-Penh events as "nothing more than a celebration of Cambodian suffering and misery". He called on Vietnam to "come to the international conference table to settle the Cambodian tragedy peacefully".

Resistance forces were ready for another Vietnamese dry-season offensive, Mr Son Sann said. They had gained more territory and supporters in the past year and were reaching the population inside the country, including Phnom Penh. "I know people inside are waiting for us to liberate them," he said.


Man in the news: Señor Timerman meeting fellow journalists in Buenos Aires after flying in from New York.

Exiled Argentine returns to fight for justice

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – On his return from New York to Argentina at the weekend the exiled publisher, Señor Jacobo Timerman, pledged he would fight alongside human rights groups to bring to justice those responsible for the disappearance of thousands of Argentines under military rule.

He accused a former police chief of Burnos Aires province of torturing him during his 29 months imprisonment without trial in 1977-79, and said he would put himself at the service of the human rights groups "so they can tell me how lunatic criminals . . . who made genocide into a daily task can be put behind bars".

Señor Timerman, who was editor and publisher of *a Opinión* of Buenos Aires until his arrest, said he would try to recover his newspaper's assets and would also seek the restoration of his Argentine nationality, which was stripped from him by the military when he was released and expelled from Argentina. He eventually took Israeli citizenship.

He said he decided to return to Argentina after being convinced that President Raúl Alfonsin seriously intended to bring to justice those responsible for human rights violations under military rule. Señor Alfonsin took office last month after his Radical Party won elections for Argentina's first civilian government in eight year.

● **Officers banned:** An Argentine judge banned four more top-ranking military officers, including former President Jorge Videla, from leaving the country because of a possible connexion with the disappearance of a man in 1976 (Reuter reports).

Along with General Videla, who led the coup which overthrew the last elected government in 1976, the men banned are Brigadier Orlando Agosti and Admiral Emilio Massera, who were respectively the air force and navy chiefs at the time, and General Albano Harguindeguy, General Videla's Interior Minister.

● **Record inflation:** Inflation reached a record 433.7 per cent in 1983, according to the National Statistics Institute

Hollywood unruffled by Murdoch

From Our Correspondent
Los Angeles

The possibility that Mr Rupert Murdoch could become the owner of Warner Bros TV and film studios here causes no fear, loathing or trepidation in Hollywood, a town that has thrived under dream factories run by one-man rule.

Although Mr Murdoch's reputation as a newspaper tycoon is certainly not unblemished in these parts the film community has been watching the New York financial adventures with a spectator's interest.

Mr Murdoch has filed his first official notice that he is considering a proxy fight to "influence the management or acquire control of" Warner Communications. If he gained control the sprawling studios in Burbank, California, would come within his domain.

"We could do with some new blood in this town" noted an executive of a studio across town. Murdoch sounds as if he's the kind of guy cut out of the old tycoon dictator mould – another Louis B. Mayer or Darryl Zanuck."

However, there is more consternation about, where the sale of the *Chicago Sun-Times* by Field Enterprises, the company owned by the Marshall Field family, to Mr Murdoch's News America publishing Inc., is to take place officially today.

● **Editor resigns:** The editor, publisher and two senior executives of the *Chigago Sun-Times* have announced that they will resign today when Mr Murdoch takes over, though no reason was officially given. A Pulitzer prize winning columnist, Mike Royko is also considering his position (Christopher Thomas writes from Washington.

Face to face in China

After years of sensing the magic of China from the outside, the noted travel writer Jan Morris seized the chance to see it for herself. This is the first of three articles in which she tells of her experiences

Photograph by Nobby Clark



And in the distance, through the porthole, there stood China. Of course, wherever you are in the world, China stands figuratively there, a dim, tremendous presence somewhere across the horizon, sending out its coded messages, exerting its ancient magnetism over the continents.

I had been prowling and loitering around it for years, often touched on the shoulder by its long, long reach – watching the Chinese-Americans shadowbox in San Francisco, say, or being dragged, screaming and kicking, to the Chinese opera somewhere, or interviewing renegade patriots in Taiwan, or debating whether to go to the fish-and-chip shop or the Cantonese takeout in Dublin. It had always seemed to me the land of the grand simplicities, pursuing its own mighty way through history, impassive, impervious, where everything was more absolute than it was elsewhere and the human condition majestically overrode all obstacles. I had wondered and marvelled at it for half a lifetime, and here I was, at last, on my way to meet it face to face on a less than spanking Chinese steamship, rust-streaked off-white, red flag at the stern, steaming northward through the blue-green China Sea.

My fellow passengers assiduously prepared me for the encounter. They showed me how best to suck the goodness out of the smoked black carp at dinner. They taught me to count to 10 in Mandarin. They drew my attention to an article in *China Pictorial* about the propagation of stinkbugs in Guangdong Province. Mrs Wang, returning from a visit to her sister in Taiwan, vividly evoked for me her hysterectomy by acupuncture. ("When they slit me open, oh, it hurt very bad, but after, it was a very *strange* feeling, very *strange*..." A bureaucrat, returning from an official mission to Hongkong, thoroughly explained to me the three principles of Chinese government policy.

Around us, the sea was like a Chinese geography lesson, too. It was never empty. Sometimes, apparently abandoned sampans wallowed in the swell; sometimes, flotillas of trawlers threshed about the place. Red-flagged buoys mysteriously bobbed, miles from anywhere, gray tankers loomed by, high in the water. Islands appeared: islands like pimples in the sea, like long, knobbly snakes; islands with lighthouses on them, or radio masts, or white villas. And always to the west stood the hills of China, rolling sometimes, sheer sometimes and, once or twice, moulded into the conical dome shapes that I had hitherto supposed to be the invention of Chinese calligraphers.

But I must go far inland, the bureaucrat told me on our third day at sea, to *Guangxi* in the south, to see such *mountains* properly – mountains like *no others*, said he: the Peak of *Solitary Beauty*, the Hill of the *Scholar's Servant* .... "But look", he *interrupted himself*. "you notice? The *water is turning yellow*. We are *approaching* the mouth of Chan*giang*!"

So we were. In the small hours that night. When I looked out of my porthole again, I found we were sailing through an endless parade of ships, gloomily illuminated in the darkness. And when, at the crack of dawn, I went on deck to a drizzly morning, still we were passing them, up a scummy river thick with ships, barges, tugs, container ships, a warship or two and country craft of shambled wood so fibrous and stringy looking that it seemed to me the Chinese, who eat anything, might well make a dish of them. Hooting all the way, we edged a passage up the Huangpu, narrowly avoiding ferry-boats, sending sampans scurrying for safety, until after 30 miles of ships and docks and grimy warehouses and factories, we saw before us a waterfront facade of high towers and office buildings, red and shabby in the rain. It was my China landfall; it was the city of Shanghai.

Even the streets of Shanghai, where the poor die no longer, seemed unexpectedly like home. There are *virtually no* private cars in this city of nearly 11 million people, but I scarcely noticed their absence, so vigorous was the jostling and tooting of the taxis, the articulated buses and the myriad bicycles: if there were few bright clothes to be seen along the boulevards, only open-neck shirts and workaday slacks, there were still fewer of the baggy trousers, blue jerkins and caps that I had foreseen.

The theme music from *Bonanza* sounded through Department Store Number Ten: there were cream cakes at Xilailin, formerly Riesling's Tea Rooms; the Xinya Restaurant still ushered foreigners, as it had for a hundred years, into the discreet, curtained cubicles of its second floor. On my first morning in Shanghai, I ate ice cream in the People's Park (admission two fen, about two cents). With its shady trees and winding paths, the old men playing checkers at its concrete tables, the students at their books, the health buffs at their callisthenics, the miscellaneous meditators and the tall buildings looking through the leaves above, I thought it, but for an absence of muggers and barouches, remarkably like New York's Central Park.

Mrs Wang had invited me to lunch at her apartment, and this was no culture shock either. True, we ate eggs in aspic, a kind of pickled small turnip, and strips of a glutinous substance that suggested to me jellified seawater, but nevertheless, hers was a home that would not seem unduly exotic in, say, Cleveland. It was the bourgeois home par excellence. It had an upright piano, with music open on the stand, a 16 inch colour TV on the sideboard, a picture of two kittens playing with a ball of wool and a bookshelf of paperbacks. It had a daughter who had come over to help cook lunch and a husband away at the office who sent his regards. "We are very lucky", said the kindly Mrs Wang. "We have a certain social status."

So this was China? I had to pinch myself. The dictatorship of the people (principle of government number two, I remembered) does not visibly disicipline Shanghai. Occasionally, bespectacled soldiers of the People's Revolutionary Army trundle through town on rattly motorbikes with sidecars, and outside the Municipal Headquarters (né the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank), two fairly weedy-looking troopers stand on sheepish sentry.

Otherwise, authority is inconspicuous. The traffic flows in cheerful dishevelment over the intersections, ineffectually chivied along over loud-speakers by policemen smoking cigarettes in their little white kiosks. Jay walkers proliferate, and in the crinkled back-streets of the old quarter, there seems no ideological restraint upon the free-enterprise peddlers and stall-holders, with their buckets of peaches, plastic bags of orange juice and compounds of duck.

Nobody seemed shy of me. Everyone wanted to talk. A factory worker I met in the park took me, without a second thought, to his nearby apartment (two dark rooms occupied almost entirely by cooking *utensils and* bicycles). The only hazard of the Shanghai street, I discovered, was the student who wished to practice his English.

Well! So this was the policy of the Open Door, which is bringing modernity to China and has made foreigners and all their ways respectable. It seemed remarkably liberating. I often talked politics with people I met, and their answers sounded uninhibited enough. The Cultural Revolution, that hideous upheaval of the Sixties? A terrible mistake, a tragedy. The future of China? Nobody knows for sure what kind of country this is going to be. Communism versus capitalism? There is good and bad in both. Would they like to go to America? Of course, but they would probably come home again. What a kind face Zhou En-lai had! Yes, he had a lovely face, he was a good, kind man, the father of his people. Did they like the face of Mao Zedong?

Ah, but there was a hush when I asked this question. They thought for a moment. Then, "We don't know" was the mumbled answer, and suddenly, I realized that they had not been frank with me at all. Not a reply had they given but that was sanctioned by the political orthodoxy of the moment. Did they like the face of Chairman Mao? He was a great man, they knew; he had fallen into error in his later years, it had been admitted, but nobody, it seems, had ever told them whether to like his *face*.

My perceptions shifted there and then, and where I had fancied frankness, now I began to sense evasions, veils or obliquities everywhere. This was, I reminded myself, the very birthplace and hotbed of the Gang of Four, that clique of xenophobic zealots – it was from an agreeable, half-timbered villa near the zoo, Frenchified in a bowered garden, that their murderous frenzies were first let loose. A decade ago, I might have had a very different greeting in Shanghai, and Mrs Wang would probably have been banished to one of the remoter onion-growing communes for giving me lunch.

No, perhaps it was not so homelike, after all. On the Bund one evening, a man with the droopy shadow of a moustache pushed his way through the crowd and confronted me with a kind of dossier. Would I go through this examination paper for him and correct *his mistakes*? But I *had* done my grammatical duty, I considered, for that afternoon, and I wanted to go and look at the silks in Department Store Number Ten. "No", I said. "I won't.

At that, a theatrical scowl crossed the student's face, screwing up his eyes and turning down the corners of his mouth. He looked, with the suggestion of whiskers round his chin, like a Chinese villain in a bad old movie. I *circumvented him, nevertheless, and* I thought, in my newfound understanding, that if the Gang of Four were still around, he would have me up against a wall by now, with a placard around my neck and a mob there to jeer me, not to consult me about participles!

As it was, I hasten to add, every single soul in Shanghai was kind to me. As a matter of fact, my conscience pricked me, and I went back and *corrected his damned papers after* all.

One night, I went to see the acrobats, as every Shanghai visitor must, and realized with a jerk – I choose the word deliberately – what a sense of role means in China. There must have been professional acrobats in this couuntry for more than 2,000 years, and in Shanghai, they have an air-conditioned circular theatre elaborately equipped with trapdoors, pulleys and chromium *trapezes for their daily performances* of the all-but incredible. The were astonishing, of course. The leapt and bounced around like chinks of rubber, they hurled plates across the stage faster than the eye could see, they balanced vast pyramids of crockery of tops of poles while standing on one foot upon one another's heads.

"It is interesting to think", said my companion, "that in old China, acrobats were like gypsies, of very low status. Now they are honoured performers. They have their role in society". They were slotted, in short, and as I watched them, it seemed to me that they not only had acrobats' limbs, muscles and eyes, but acrobats' thought, too, and acrobats' emotions – specifically, acrobatic libidos – and I fancied that if you stripped away their masks of acrobat makeup, there would only be other masks below, left behind from previous performances.

And it dawned on me that all those homely, shuffling, Shanghai crowds could be slotted, too, if you has the key, into their inescapable roles. They were not really, at I had thought at first, at all like crowds on New York' Third Avenue of London's Oxford Street. Every single citizen out there had his allotted, immutable place in the order of things; not a layabout *loitered on the sidewalks, not an actor* rested, not a busker, hardly a worker out of a job.

I went to the Yu Garden from a sense of duty – it is a National Protected Treasure, even though it was built in pure self-indulgence by an official of the Ming dynasty, who caused its Rockery Hill to be constructed out of boulders brought from thousands of miles away and stuck together with rice glue. I was ensnared there, however, by the children. Ther must have been a hundred of them outside the Hall for the Viewing of Rockery Hill, all three or four years old, some of them tied together with string to prevent them from straying off into the Hall for Watching Swimming Fish, and I wasted a good half-hour playing with them. What adorable, merry faces! What speed of mood and response, mock terror, sham apprehension, sheer hilarity! I stayed with them until they were led off two by two, a long crocodile of black-haired, roly-poly imps, towards the Hall of Jade Magnificence.

There is nowhere like Shanghai for infant watching, but in the end, among all the increasingly puzzling and deceptive inhabitants of this city, it was the children who baffled me most. they have a particular fondness for foreigners, and will pick one out from miles away, across a crowded square, clean trough the Tower of Lasting Clearness, to wiggle an introductory finger. They have no apparent voices. They never cry, they don't know how to suck a thumb, and though their trousers are conveniently supplied with open slits in their seats, I am sure they never dirty themselves anyway.

How I wished I could get inside their little heads and experience the sensations of a People's Revolutionary childhood! Do they never fret, these infants of the Middle Kingdom? Is that sweet equanimity of theirs force-fed or innate, ethnic or indoctrinated? Could it really be that this society is bringing into being a race that needs no diapers? The children in the Yu Garden waved and made funny faces at me as they stumped away, but they left me uneasy

So, the next day, I went to one of the notorious Children's Palaces, after-school centres where children can either have fun or be coached in particular aptitudes. I say notorious, because for years these places have been shown off to visiting foreigners, so that they long ago acquired the taint of propaganda. Certainly through my particular palace a constant succession of tourist groups was passing, led by the hand by selected infants in somewhat sickly intimacy,

But what disturbed me more was the utter obliviousness of the children to the peering, staring, bulb-flashing tourists led among them, room by room, by those minuscule trustees (who have an unnerving habit, by the way, of calling their charges "Auntie"). With an uncanny disregard, they continued their ping-pong or their video games, repeated once again that last crescendo of the "Harvest Song of the Yugur Minority" or sat glued to the pages of cartoon-strip books turning their pages with what seemed to me an unnatural rapidity. Their eyes never once flickered in our direction.

Were they really reading at all? Were they even playing in our sense of the verb? Search me! I can only report one odd little episode, which sent me away from the Children's Palace peculiarly uncomfortable and came to colour my whole memory of Shanghai. Early in a performance of "Jingle Bells" by an orchestra of children under the age of five, the virtuoso lead xylophonist happened to get herself a full tone out of key. She never appeared to notice, nor did any of the other performers, all dimples, winsome smiles and bobbing heads up there on the stage. On they went in fearful discord, tinkle-tinkle, clang-clang, simpering smugly to the end.



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TOMORROW

Far from home in the concrete city

moreover... Miles Kington

Kornering a taste for the blues

The late lamented Alexis Korner first came to notice 20 years ago as a champion of the blues, but I already knew his name. In 1956 or so, as a jazz-smitten schoolboy, I had bought an EP of solos by the great boogie pianist Meade Lux Lewis, with sleeve notes by Alexis Korner, in which he said at one point that Lewis had a fine technique despite using the "old piano position of the pre-Bach period; a position in which the thumb is never used". I had no idea who Korner was, but anyone who knew (a) that Lewis was a great pianist and (b) what happened to thumbs pre-1700, had to be a great scholar in my book.

Thumbs or no thumbs, Lewis's kind of piano proved totally addictive for me, and I only have to put on that selfsame record 27 years later to be immediately submerged in those swirling, thumping rhythms, and carried away. I never became quite so infected by the vocal blues that Korner loved; it was the piano blues, of which boogie is only a variety, that got into my bloodstream and left me infected for life. But then there are many different ways of catching the blues. When Elvis Presley crashed on to the scene, I looked down my nose at this rock 'n' roll shouter (nothing so snobbish as a good jazz fan) and left my generation to get on with it. It was only years later that I realized Presley's early music was another branch of the blues – many of those far-off hits like "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Hound Dog" are straight 12-bar blues.

It's still hard to realize how much twentieth-century popular music has been dominated by black American culture; not just by one country, but by a small minority in that country. Black music and derivatives of it have become so much taken for granted that we often forget where they come from, and we talk of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones as British growths, which is a bit like saying that the Californians invented wine. Jazz was the first black music, after ragtime, that hit the public. Later it was rock 'n' roll, a white mans sweet version of rhythm 'n' blues, and then finally it was the real thing, the real city blues, that began to inspire people in the 1960s.

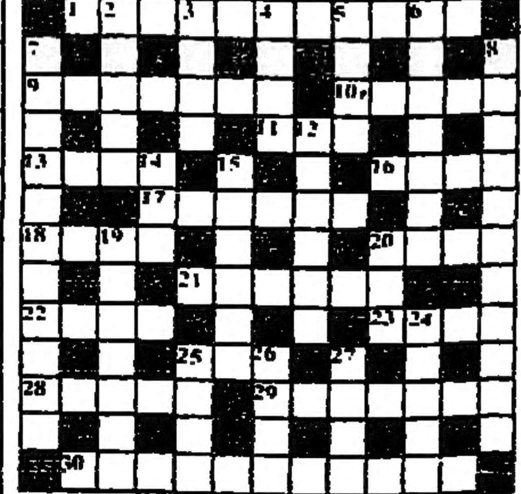
And now even that has begun to run out of steam. Blues artists in the United States attract mainly an older audience in the black community, as if the music belongs to a past that younger people want to forget. Black pop music is mostly derived now from soul music, which in turn goes back to gospel music, the sanctified shouting of the black congregation. It doesn't do a great deal for me, but then there isn't much hope for someone who still puts on old Meade Lux Lewis records.

Oddly enough, the very first black pianist I saw performing alone was not a blues or even a jazz performer. In 1960, as the luckiest teenager in the world, I found myself alone in New York for three months. I worked by day and went to jazz clubs at night. One night I went to a jazz club which was presenting no fewer than three attractions. Bill Harris, a now-forgotten solo guitarist. Ornette Coleman, a naive but compelling revolutionary saxophonist. And, top of the bill, Nina Simone, who sang dramatic songs and played dramatic piano that incorporated gospel, jazz, blues and classical bits and pieces.

I had quite forgotten about this female equivalent of Ray Charles until this Christmas, when my daughter gave my son a Nina Simone record as a present. She hasn't changed at all. She still sounds stunning, though it's odd to hear the sound of it coming from by son's room. I suppose what it boils down to is that we all discover the blues, or something like it, in our own way; however it happens, it lights up something inside us that is hard to put out.

And now, as if by clockwork, Nina Simone is appearing this week at Ronnie Scott's. I wonder if I ought to risk taking my children. Would they think I was trying to muscle in on their likes? Should I stress that they are muscling in on my 1960 memories? I wonder if Alexis Korner liked her at all? I wonder if she uses her thumbs when she is playing? Why don't I stop asking stupid questions and just get along there? Meanwhile, why don't I put on that Meade Lux Lewis record just one more time?

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 243)



ACROSS
1 Butterfly larva (11)
9 All together (2,5)
10 Fortune telling card (5)
11 Generation (3)
13 Purposes (4)
16 Quarter pint (4)
17 Public address system (6)
18 In fitting manner (4)
20 Unwrap (4)
21 Catch in mistake (4,2)
22 Produced (4)
23 Wave foam (4)
25 Snow glider (3)
28 Non Scotch whisky (5)
29 Knitted vest (7)
30 Require (11)

DOWN
2 Having weapons (5)
3 Different (4)
4 Accused's answer (4)
5 After proper time (4)
6 Bring before court (7)
7 Sleight of hand (11)
8 Corona discharge (2,5,4)
12 Small bands (6)
14 Filthy place (3)
15 Hooded jacket (6)
19 Innovation opponent (7)
20 Lifts (3)
24 Not abridged (5)
25 Footwear (4)
26 Oxford Thames (4)
27 Inclination (4)

Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

FIRST PERSON

Nearly sunk by the U100

by Nancy Waller

I am an insulin-dependent diabetic. I am also 60 years old, a widow, and I live alone. Lest this conjure in your mind the picture of a pathetic waif in search of sympathy let me add that I am fiercely independent. Last year I retired after 22 years as a medical secretary: the little learning I acquired during that time has not endeared me to the profession. Were I permitted to see my hospital notes I have no doubt that I would find them sprinkled with warnings like "NB: This is a difficult patient."

But the burden of my song at present is particular, not general. The public may not be aware that diabetics on insulin are at present being changed over to a new standardized insulin, U100, so-called because there are now 100 units of purified insulin to each millilitre of suspension fluid. Mark that word "purified". Previously, insulin was available in various strengths, usually 40 or 80 units per ml. The reasons for the change have been given as ease of measurement of dose, less risk of confusion between marks (the measurements on the old syringes) and "to bring us into line with the US and Europe".

My diabetes was a devil to stabilize. From its onset it disobeyed all the rules. It did not even arrive with a proper set of symptoms. When, weak and exhausted and having had to prop myself up against a wall several times on the way, I at last arrived at my doctor's surgery, he sent me away with a tonic.

I should have been running to the loo every 10 minutes and drinking gallons of any liquid that came to hand, but I did not know that. Instead, I got weaker and weaker, felt more and more ill and lost more and more weight. I swallowed my tonic dutifully and reminded myself that "giving in" were words not in my vocabulary. Nevertheless the day came when I could not get out of bed. I had passed beyond feeling ill and was blissfully sleepy and not at all impressed by having my cheeks slapped by a jolly nurse.

I soon found out how unpopular I was. Not only had I had the temerity to have juvenile-onset diabetes at the advanced age of 47, I had never been fat, had never had a sweet tooth and had not had 10 overweight babies. "Are you *sure*?" they asked me doubtfully, thinking I might have mislaid a few. I was sure – only two and only 6lb apiece at birth, moreover. And no diabetes in the family.

Eventually after much weeping and wailing I arrived at consultant level. It took the Great Man five minutes flat to diagonose my hypersensitivy to insulin. He actually listened to me and believed what I said. Within a short time he had stabilized me on two types of insulin, 40 strength, two injections each day, and on this happy regime I continued for 10 trouble-free years. I lost no time from work.

Then the Great Man retired. Then came U100. Then came trouble. Do not misunderstand, I like and respect my new consultant. Rotating registrars grovel to him suitably. Came the day of my change-over and he was enthusiastic about the new insulin, derogatory about the old ("dirty" insulin, he called it), and reassuring to a degree.

But the doses he decreed set the alarm bells jangling in my mind; surely they were far too high? I restricted myself to a faint misgiving, hard experience having taught me to temper my reactions for fear of being labelled neurotic, hysterical or, at best non-cooperative.

I had been dismissed with an airy "see you in six months", but I knew I was headed for trouble.

It was not long in coming. There was a certain grim satisfaction in recording the lower and lower blood sugar levels over the next 24 hours, a pleasurable anticipation of being able to say "I told you so", but these sensations soon palled. Fellow-diabetics will be familiar with the horrors of a full-blooded hypoglycaemic attack unheralded by the usual warning signs. Others should be spared, but picture a gibbering, sweating, helpless idiot knowing herself on the edge of consciousness, unable to persuade her brain to think or her limbs to move. There are potatoes boiling on the stove and the neighbours are away on holiday. It is only Changeover-Day-plus-One and I have already taken the law into my own hands and reduced the recommended doses. I continued to reduce them during days 2-5 days and supplemented my diet with Mars bars, but the hypos kept coming.

I wrote to my new consultant. He telephoned me as soon as he received my letter. "You see", he said (not apologetically), "it's *purified* insulin. That means it's stronger."

Exactly. I am now becoming a little more stable on approximately half his original recommended doses. I suspect that not enough attention is being paid to the fine tuning of individual patients during the change-over to U100, and I would like to see an inquiry into this, and a follow-up study of patients before, during and after. I've kept my charts.

The point I really want to make is this: if I were the sort of patient who unquestionably does what he is told "because the doctor says so", I might well be dead by now. Does anybody out there care?

Bring on the Lancing g[…]s

Public schools, like West End clubs and Oxford and Cambridge colleges, used to be restricted to gentlemen. Them, in 1969, along came Mr Dancy of Marlborough, who horrified many old-boys, headmasters and prospective pupils' parents by admitting girls. Only 20, mind you, and solely in the sixth form, but enough to create visions of St Trinian's-type disorder.

Many educationists treated this much-publicized initiative as just another trendy American experiment that would never catch on here. How wrong they were.

Today almost all the big public schools take in girls. Indeed, headmistresses keep complaining that their brightest pupils are being poached to satisfy the Oxbridge entrance ambitions of their male rivals.

But how have these fair newcomers adjusted to this quirky *Tom Brown's Scholdays* tradition? Do they subconsciously assume th characteristics of their school stereotype, whether arrogant, plodding, over-intellectual or pious? More seriously, do they achieve higher academic distinction?

The idea of meeting a female Old Wykehamist intrigued me. Perhaps she would combine the What ho! dynamism of a Peter Jay with the analytical skills of Sir Geoffrey Howe and the erudite charm of Lord Mancroft.

It was not to be. "This is a boys' school", said the headmaster John Thorn, "and we have no plans to change that". Indeed, Winchester, like Harrow, Ampleforth and Radley, remains firmly of the misogynist persuasion.

I received a warmer response from Dr John Rae of Westminster, an early exponent of coeducation whose school takes 65 new girls a year (and who is the father of three Old Elizabethan daughters).

He finds that girls seldom disappoint academically. About one third of his sixth-formers win Oxbridge places and nearly 90 per cent attain some form of higher education. Intriguingly, the male results are almost identical.

A school like Westminster, Dr Rae adds, is better-equipped to prepare a pupil for Oxbridge than most girls' schools because "we know our way around and have the expertise".

The belief that female intrusion would introduce distractions into the classroom as well as a dangerous new kind of activity behind the cricket pavilion has largely proved a myth. One headmaster told me: "They soon stop treating each other like Martians. Mixed-school pupils seem to be more mature, relaxed, natural and happy. They're less petty than those at all-male schools, which have oppressive overtones."

No official statistics exist of the pregnancy rate at our leading public schools. But inevitably there have been examples of Sloane Ranger Lolitas being hurriedly sent down in disgrace.

"We've been taking girls into the sixth form since 1972, and motherhood is not something we've ever experienced", says Dr Rae. "They certainly grow up quicker here. At their old schools any member of the opposite sex was a potential boyfriend, whereas in a mixed school they see them as just friends".

No need, therefore, for Westminster to import the Australian co-ed rule banning PDA (public displays of affection). When the Roman Catholic public school Downside briefly admitted girls three years ago, however, the monks introduced a rule that boy and girl pupils must keep a minimum of six inches apart except during sporting activities.

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TAKING A BOW

Hon Pauline Astor, Old Gregorian, 19

The monks weren't quite sure how to cope with us. There were only seven girls in the first year and eight in the second. Some behaved fantastically, took us out for drinks and were quite flirty. Others were rather old uncle-ish. But I found they were all very ready to recognize us as adults.

We fell between being a second-class citizen and a celebrity. To begin with the boys used to straighten their ties and curb their language when we entered a room. But, after six months, it was "Pauline, I'm going to a party tonight, please can you tie my bow tie".

The monks invented the Six-Inch Rule. No boy was supposed to get any closer to us than that. It was absurd and seldom enforced. But they were paranoid about us getting pregnant.

They always seemed to sense if a boy and girl got it together. One monk acted as a kind of marriage guidance counsellor when things went wrong.

Downside stopped taking girls after I left. A new headmaster arrived who didn't approve.

NO TEARS

Kate Wykes, Old Marlburian, 20.

I expected it to be very stuffy and to hate it. I'd give Marlborugh a try, I thought, and then return to my state school near Cambridge and join my old school friends.

The teaching methods were very different. The classes were far more competitive than I was used to. At comprehensive everyone was supposed to be on the same academic level and our exam results weren't even published.

As there were only 80 of us among 800 we were still a very close-knit body. The girls were your best friends and you couldn't afford a rift. You can't cry so easily on a boy's shoulder, can you?

I benefitted most from sport – hockey, squash, swimming – as I was pushed more. I also enjoyed the drama. I appeared in Noel Coward's *Hay Fever* and in the school revue.

I'm not sure if I'd send a daughter of mine there. I saw girls getting terribly teased. Boys can be excessively cruel to each other and they were very rude about some of the girls. The older ones who wanted to be friendly to us were accused of being sissy. Still, I made a lot of good friends.

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[…]Bergen, […]ian, 20.

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TALKBACK

Nina: lovable not lonely

From Arthur Schmidt, Belsize Park Gardens

I can agree with much of Maggie Emslie's "Comment" (December 21), but not with her characterization, by inference, of the *Crossroads* storyline as part of a "negative" imagery which portrays Down's syndrome people as "lonely", "pathetic" and "helpless".

We did not portray Nina's character as lonely. Quite the contrary, we showed her making friends of people to whom she was at first an oddity. We also showed her making people uncomfortable, but tried to place that as *their* problem.

The story was in fact borrowed from that of Solomon and the two mothers. Nina is loved by, and fought for by two women: one who wishes to foster her, the other her natural mother who, despite difficulties as a single parent and other claims upon her love, holds on to her. We intentionally invoked an *apparent* irony, that people would vie for the love of a child often thought inadequate because disabled.

As to the "inevitable" use of a Down's syndrome person to epitomize mental handicap, the child we did use did need to be identifiable as such in order that a story about integration (and prejudice) make an immediate visual sense. Down's syndrome is both the commonest form of mental handicap and the most easily placed.

Nina's role was a hook to grab attention for the less emotionally accessible latter phase of the story, in which a group home was set up, against community opposition, within our fictional community. We certainly did not suggest "institutional bliss". We made explicit, again and again, that in order for this child to realize her potential she would need to live within and be accepted by the whole community.

This was the child whom the audience had come to know, but we made clear, at the expense of didacticism, that Down's was a *type* of handicap, and that the right to live outside institutions was shared by all those who could, with help, do so.

We explored the subtext as well as the text of our story with Mencap and with Hanna Weill, Nina's mother.

Holiday kindness

From Mrs Pat Jones, 16 Fabian Close, Frankley, Birmingham

After the article printed about myself and my family (December 9), I wish to thank so very much the people who wrote to me, and their wonderful generosity. My family and myself have had a very happy Christmas, thanks to the kindness of so many. I wish you all a happy New Year and thank you for making us all so happy.

One of our contributors, Jonathan Sale, would like to see Christmas and New Year duplicated newsletters that any readers may have received. He will shortly be reviewing the best and the worst of the genre. No names will be attached to examples.

Rare link-up need

A. M. H. Harter, 4 Camp Hill Court, Little Casterton, Stamford, Lincs.

My youngest boy has recently been diagnosed as suffering from a rare bone growth disease, known as Ollier's Disease. We were told at a very senior level in Great Ormond Street that he could be the only case of this particular disease in the UK. Through a mention on BBC Radio 2, we have subsequently learnt, however, of more than a dozen cases, and have met two of them.

While the confidentiality of doctors' records guaranteed by the Hippocratic Oath is in most respects admirable, it does stifle a crossflow of information, particularly on unusual conditions. Surely it is not beyond the wit of modern information technologists to devise a system whereby sufferers of any rare disease can be identified and listed centrally by the name of the patient's GP.

Penny Perrick

In defence of the Englishman

I don't often find myself acting as counsel for the defence of that not much maligned creature, the Englishman. I take on this very temporary role now only because he's had such a rough going-over by Kati Marton, the American writer and former television executive.

Readers of *The Sunday Times* may remember that during a temporary stint in London last year Miss Marton wrote an article which criticized Englishmen for ignoring her at dinner parties. She also criticized Englishmen who *didn't* ignore her at dinner parties for never once did these fiends ask her what she did, even though she was obviously bursting to tell them.

Back home in New York, Miss Marton is still on the attack. In an article for *The New York Times* called "American Women's Good Luck", she writes of her delight in leaving London and her belief that "Life for a woman in Britain can be an energy-sapping experience" due mainly to the dismissive attitudes of English men. I cannot deny that British men are not interested in women's careers. They are not interested in anyone's career, including their own. Even Kati Marton admires the fact that, in London, "Trollope and Beerbohm are equally prized as subjects for dinner table repartee."

So are golf handicaps, skiing holidays and the nasty pain you get all the way down your left leg whenever you eat jugged hare – just about anything, in fact, except what you do for a living and how much you're paid to do it. Ignorant of this conversational taboo, Miss Marton writes bitterly of one London dining companion: "During our shared life as dinner partners, he never formulated a single question about my occupation. To him I was somebody's wife, somebody else's mother – twin roles that cannot leave enough time for a person to be anything but uninteresting."

In this country, men don't assume that a woman leads a dull life because she's a wife and mother, no more than they mark her down as a fascinating bit of stuff if she runs her own merchant bank. At the British dinner table all are equal. All things being equal, half the male guests would probably rather be in the comfort of their own homes watching television anyway so, if you happen to be the hostess, it is no good thinking you're doing them a big favour by sitting them next to Selina Scott,k Princess Michael of Kent or even next to the mother of sextuplets.

It made Miss Marton extremely cross that no Englishman ever asked her what her current project was, but this was because she happened to have both a current project and future plans. For those of us inclined to drift aimlessly while hoping for the best, an Englishman's reluctance to question us on our career is one of his most alluring qualities.

The heart of the matter is that Englishmen leave well alone while American men inist on sharing deeply meaningful experiences and do not know the meaning of the expression live and let live. No good telling an American that you "write a bit" and hoping that he will then turn to something really interesting such as Mrs Johnny Carson's latest alimony request. He will insist on knowing what you think about word-processors, Salman Rushdie and the use of the semicolon. *Pace* Kati Marton but that is *my* idea of an "energy-sapping experience".

Miss Marton claims that all the American women she knows feel lucky to live in such productive circumstances. I hope they do but I have several American female friends who are chronically mopey. All of them are building careers but have not given up hope of combining work and marriage. "The problem is," one of them told me recently, "that if I'm going to get to the top at work, I can't go out with men – it takes up too much time." It's American men she's talking about, those strange fellows who take a positive, helpful and interested attitude towards what women do all day. Only, since they need to spend so much time with you in order to demonstrate their concern, they don't leave you a minute which you can wholeheartedly devote to your job. When your every move is met with a blast of inquiries, it's bound to lead to introspection rather than action.

Katie Marton was right to think that Englishmen don't care what women do, but she didn't stay over here long enough to discover that this gives women the necessary freedom to do just whatever they like.

● **The Irish telephone system has been taken over by an efficient-sounding company called Telecom Eireann and most subscribers in the Republic will be glad to hear it. It must be hard for Irish businessmen to clinch deals when, however persuasive their telephone manner, they always come across the wires as though they're standing on their heads underwater, and hard for a woman living in Dublin never able to have a clear, uninterrupted telephone conversation with her daughter in Derrygimlagh, Ballyconneely, when she can talk plainly to her other daughter in New York.**

Yet I will hate to see the end of my Connemara telephone which has no dial but a wind-up handle which connects me to the charming woman who runs the village post office and dials my calls for me. In the time it takes her to ring me back with the connextion, I can play with the kittens or prepare the lunch. The lady at the post office is a brilliant information service as to the whole population's whereabouts, which is more than can be said for the horrible push-button dial monster I have in London. The London machine doesn't tell callers where they can reach me if I'm not at home either – something the West of Ireland system, with its network of contacts, does with great accuracy.

OXFORD DIARY

Expiring dreams

You would think that Oxford in the Christmas vacation would be a peaceful haven – no baying undergraduates, the dons all snoozing in their hideous neo-gothic villas. But that is to ignore the fact that Oxford is a "shopping centre". The streets are thick with friendly crowds searching for bargains in the January sales. All the good old Oxford shops have been forced out of business: Capes, Webbers, Elliston and Cavell, Grimbly Hughes, and last year, the unkindest cut of all, Zacharias in the Corn Market. "Zacs for Macs" – what a good slogan. Instead, ugly characterless chain-stores have spring up everywhere. One thought it was impossible to have anything uglier than the "West Gate Centre" on the site of what was once the picturesque slum of St Ebbes. But now, where Woolworths used to be, there is the most grotesquely horrible building I have ever seen, called The Clarendon Centre. Its hateful pale bricks are decorated with garish blue tubes, like a rash of drainpipes. Why are shops nowadays always called "centres"?

Nemo memo

For three months now, Oxford has been in the grip of Nemo-itis. *Nemo's Almanac* has been puzzling fascinated addicts for the last 93 years. It consists of six unidentified quotations for each month of the year and a quote for the cover: 73 in all. Nowadays it is set by John Fuller, the poet and a Fellow of Magdalen. He is modest enough to say that he would be unable to do the puzzle himself. Meanwhile, the bleary-eyed figures queuing at the catalogue in the Bodleian Library are not research students but Nemo addicts. They scan concordances, dictionaries of quotations and anthologies and eye each other nervously. Why is Dame Helen Gardner, unquestioned doyenne of the field, reaching down a Lydgate concordance and ordering up the works of John Greenleaf Whittier from the stacks? All competitors agree that this year's comp is fiendishly hard. I have scored 44 so far out of the total.

Poet's corner

The most welcome name in the New Year's Honours List, as far as the reading public is concerned, is that of John Wain, CBE. He is not only a poet and novelist of great range, but one of the best modern critics. He was professor of poetry a few years ago, and the book of his lectures, *Professing Poetry*, can be reread with interest. He still lives in Oxford, a slightly bucolic-looking, pork-pie-hatted and pucefaced man. "Oi zee im in the King's Arms a-drinkin' iz point, every *inch* a poet," said an old Oxford friend to me recently.

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm 97 – what would I want with long-life milk?'

Guessing dame

I fall to musing about dames, and which of my Oxonian contemporaries or near-contemporaries will be the first to write DBE after their names. Dame Anna Somers-Cocks has a good ring; and there will certainly be a Dame Libby Purves. But a likely candidate for early damehood is Dr Janet Morgan, editor of *The Crossman Diaries* and now engaged on a biography of Dame Agatha Christie. She has written a book on the House of Lords, worked in the Cabinet office, was briefly a Fellow of All Souls, appears on *Any Questions*, and sits on almost every available quango and committee, although she is still, in Betsy Trotwood's phrase, "of an age to be made unhappy by her personal attractions". She is such stuff as dames are made of, and is already nicknamed "Dame Janet" by clerks in the House of Lords.

Who's Hughes?

Since the publication of the New Year's Honours List, Oxford has yet another dame. To the distinguished company of Dame Helen Gardner and Dame Janet Vaughan we must now add Dame Mary Warnock, who used to be headmistress of the Oxford High School. It was she who was responsible for the Warnock Report, which advocated that the handicapped should be educated at the same schools as children sound in eye, ear and limb. I noticed her name in the candidates' book at the Athenaeum recently. She was described as a Fellow of St Hughes *(sic)* College Oxford by her surely semi-literate (or perhaps nostalgic for Grimbly Hughes?) proposer. Does the Athenaeum admit women? In the same book, I saw that Cardinal Hume had proposed Jimmy Savile OBE, and that no one had blackballed him. What would Trollope have thought had he bumped into Dame Mary or Mr Savile in the morning room of his own club?

A. N. Wilson

Let's all join the class of '84

Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, replies to critics of his proposals for higher standards in our schools

The English school syst[illegible] deep into the pockets of [illegible] and ratepayers. Large sum[illegible] on the average state s[illegible] during the 11 compulsory [illegible] more still on those stay[illegible] 16. Yet the expenditure d[illegible] give adequate value eith[illegible] or to those who pay. I[illegible] action on the curric[illegible] examinations and o[illegible] quality in order to raise s[illegible]

A school's performa[illegible] well it develops the pote[illegible] pupil – cannot be [illegible] precisely. Other influe[illegible] home background, a[illegible] cational progress. Neve[illegible] formed professional [illegible] about our schools' perf[illegible] possible. These are not [illegible] and confirm the widesprea[illegible] among parents and emp[illegible] far too many young [illegible] school ill equipped.

I do not believe [illegible] weaknesses in our sc[illegible] explained by the presen[illegible] expenditure per pupil, i[illegible] terms as well as in cash [illegible] high. Those who argue [illegible] taxpayers find yet more [illegible] have to explain why som[illegible] perform so much better [illegible] similarly placed and at [illegible] expenditure per pupil.

Paradoxically, much of [illegible] lie stems from a featu[illegible] English school system w[illegible] gives it much of its str[illegible] diffuseness. Power and [illegible] bility are shared betwee[illegible] and the periphery; local [illegible] wishes are afforded a [illegible] professional enterprise is [illegible] play. But we are paying [illegible] price for these advantag[illegible] preservation requires.

Many pupils are [illegible] now encouraged to show wha[illegible] can do. For many the cu[illegible] is unsuitable and syllabus [illegible] often marred by clutter. The e[illegible] is designed to [illegible] too many.

For most of the post[illegible] period we have been content [illegible] a national system of unive[illegible] schooling as if what pupils [illegible] were essentially a matter for their teachers, a professional mystery which government, employers, parents and all others would be foolish to question. This attitude is not supported by the Education Acts. They give to the Secretary of State for Education, and to the local education authorities, important powers and duties which closely affect the school curriculum.

My two immediate predecessors began a process of establishing the respective functions of the Secretary of State, the local education authority and the school in formulating and implementing policies for the school curriculum and the associated public examinations.

The school curriculum needs to be governed much more than it now is by four principles. First, it should be broad, from the primary stage onwards. The subject matter and teaching approaches should foster the whole range of personal qualities and competence needed as a basis for understanding and coping with adult life in the twenty-first century. Second, the knowledge and skills acquired at whatever depth should have a relevance to the real world. Third, there should be differentiation within the curriculum for variations in pupils' abilities and aptitudes. Fourth, pupils should learn from each element of the curriculum those personal qualities and competences which it can best foster – the balance of what is taught needs to reflect this important but elusive aim.

These four principles call for action on curricular objectives and on examinations.

The schools can do their work better if they have clear objectives about what should be learned and these objectives are endorsed by all those whom they serve. Pupils can then be offered the spur and the reward of achieving worthwhile goals – in skills, experience, understanding and knowledge. Clear and accepted descriptions of what pupils should learn add meaning to the notion of educational standards: before we try to raise standards, we would do well to define them.

I intend to work towards a published and broadly agreed definition of the objectives of the main subjects – what pupils should get out of the study of each, and what level of attainment should be expected at various stages and levels of ability, over what range and in what depth. As this work progresses, we should come nearer to a much-needed agreement on what ought to be mastered in the primary phase. We need goals at age 11.

I also seek to change the 16+ examinations. At present they serve more to grade candidates in relation to each other than to attest an absolute level of attainment. With the help of explicit objectives for the main parts of the curriculum, it should be possible to devise examination syllabuses and assessments which give a reasonable assurance that a pupil awarded a particular grade knows, understands and can do certain things. Without these specified achievements the pupil would not obtain the grade.

Thus to acknowledge achievement would not merely enchance pupils' motivation, teachers' effectiveness and the usefulness of school examinations to employers. It would open the way to a general improvement in the level of understanding and competence achieved by pupils throughout the ability range. Letting the ablest pupils show what they can do is a particularly exciting prospect.

That process will be further enchanced by the measures for the promotion of teaching quality, announced in the last Parliament and due for implementation in this. I shall use my statutory powers to improve the system of initial teacher training, through a better selection of entrants, and more relevant academic and professional elements in training centres. I also intend to use my powers to promote a better match between what teachers are qualified to teach and their actual teaching duties. I look forward to cooperation with local education authorities and teachers in developing the conditions in which professional successs or failure are more directly reflected in the management and deployment of the teacher force.

With this approach to curricular objectives and examinations, it is wholly realistic for the Government to set the long-term target of raising what 80-90 per cent of pupils achieve at age 16 at least to the level now expected of the average pupil, over a broad range of knowledge and skills in a number of subjects. This aim entails a higher achievement also for pupils of average ability and above, including an increase in the proportion of pupils who achieve the standard now associated with the higher O level grades, the absolute level of which the Government is committed to maintain.

None of this offends against the benign diffuseness of our school system. I seek neither a prescription for what goes on in the classroom, nor a national syllabus, but a new framework within which the professional commitment and free-ranging skill of our teachers can be put to best effect.

I announced the Government's target for higher standards in our schools at a conference on Friday. I shall now work with the education service to make it a reality. The aim will be achieved more readily if it is actively supported by those whom the schools serve and who foot the bill – the parents, employers, taxpayers and ratepayers everywhere. The education service in England should be left in no doubt that the nation endorses the ambitious, yet realistic, target which the Government has set.

Chris Mosey in Stockholm on the home politics of the peace talks

Sweden notches a plus for neutrality

Outside the NK department store in Hamngatan, one of Stockholm's main thoroughfares, stands a young man with a loudspeaker doing something outrageous.

He loudly accused socialist Prime Minister, Olof Palme, of paving the way for a Soviet invasion of Sweden by cutting defence budgets. He called to a crowd of shoppers: "support President Ronald Reagan's move to rearm Europe to meet the communist threat." Then he went aboard. He suggested that Sweden should join Nato.

In this neutral country that is roughly the equivalent of delivering an impassioned plea for atheism in St Peter's Square in Rome. A middle-aged woman in the crowd wrinkled her nose in disgust and delivered her judgment: "Tsch," she said by way of explanation, propelling her young daughter out of the range of further blasphemy.

Sweden has been neutral since 1814, almost totally untouched by war. After a brief period as a great power in the seventeenth century, the nation adopted, as a guiding principle of its foreign policy, non-participation in alliances in peace-time and neutrality in the event of war.

The last time Sweden seriously considered straying from this path was during the Crimean war when King Oscar almost allied the country with Britain and France in the hope that, at the close of hostilities, he might be allowed to take Finland back after its seizure by Russia.

Today all the political parties represented in the parliament (Riksdag) support neutrality and, despite increasing worries about Soviet submarine violations of Swedish waters, no one apart from the young man outside the NK and other members of what is deemed a lunatic fringe, advocates Nato membership.





Gromyko and Shultz: their first meeting since September. Holding the ring (centre): Olof Palme

The Stockholm peace conference, opening on January 17, is a follow-through to the European security conference held in Madrid. It has become, with the failure of the Geneva arms limitation talks, the only international forum still open for continued discussions between the two superpowers to halt the nuclear arms race.

It is probable that George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, will meet Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in the austerely modern conference headquarters in the heart of Stockholm. It will be their first encounter since angry exchanges at Madrid in September after the shooting-down of the Korean airliner. The meeting would provide a boost for Sweden and its policy of neutrality, which was condemned as mercenary self-interest during the last war and as strident, one-sided anti-Americanism during the Vietnam conflict in the 1960s and 1970s.

To most Swedes, neutrality is purely a matter of pragmatism, not ideology. It allowed them to enter the present age unscathed and to become one of the wealthiest and most egalitarian societies in the world.

None the less foreigners here who suffered during the war can never quite forgive the Swedes their often smug complacency and rather simplistic view of the world.

The only time Sweden came close to experiencing the horrors of modern warfare was on February 22, 1944, when about 20 Soviet aircraft made a navigational error even more drastic than that claimed by the captain of the Soviet Whisky-class submarine which went aground in 1981. The Soviet planes dropped dozens of bombs on Stockholm, presumably thinking it was a target in Finland. Thousands of windows on the south side of the city were blown out, an open-air theatre was wrecked and a military camp narrowly escaped a direct hit. Miraculously, no one was hurt.

Today Swedish neutrality remains markedly more aggressive than that of Finland, which takes a "hear no evil, see no evil" line towards the Soviet Union and with which it recently renewed its treaty of friendship.

In this treaty Finland undertakes to defend its territory against attacks by West Germany and its allies which could threaten the Soviet Union. The treaty states that should the need arise for Soviet aid in such a situation, both parties must reach a further agreement.

The Swedes, unlike the Finns, do not have to worry about "the bear next door" because Sweden does not share a common border with the Soviet Union.

Even so, the sight of the diminutive Swedish Defence Minister, Anders Thunborg, with his boyish appearance and curious semi-Beatle haircut, giving press conferences at which his chief concern would seem to be never to use the words "Soviet" and "submarine" in the same breath, is not calculated to inspire confidence.

Yet the Swedes, in contrast to the Finns and despite shrill noises about Palme's Soviet sympathies from radical critics, are prepared to send back Soviet diplomats for spying, give asylum to defectors from the East and protest about invasions of sovereign territory no matter where they occur and no matter who carries them out. They are also prepared to drop depth charges at submarines, although admittedly without success.

The recent "container affair" in which a valuable consignment of United States high technology, illegally bound for the Soviet Union, was halted in Sweden, illustrates the country's anchorage in the western family of nations – and also its paradoxical desire to demonstrate its non-alignment.

Working closely with the US authorities, the Swedes did everything that was expected of them in impounding the equipment (claimed by the Americans to be capable of missile guidance) and in making further raids to bring in equipment already here en route to the East. When this prompt action brought scorn in an article released in Stockholm by the Soviet news agency Novosti ("How is it that some people give way so easily to American attempts to dictate policy to an independent nation?"), they defied an American request that the container be sent back to the US. Instead they are holding the equipment until the courts decide its ownership.

The Swedes are hoping this gambit gets them off the hook. They can duly point out to the Soviet Union that they most certainly do not just slavishly do what the US tells them, at the same time assuring the US that the equipment will never reach the East.

It might not be particularly courageous or committed and it certainly would not appeal to the brash young man outside the NK. But it is the sort of diplomacy that confirms Sweden's neutrality and that might in turn convince Gromyko that he can meet Shultz here with no honour lost. Surely this is not such a bad thing, the shape of the world being what it is.

High-tech chinks in the Syrian armour

Washington

Western intelligence analysts say that Syria's military power, while potentially threatening to Israel, Lebanon and Jordan, is still far from being as formidable as the country's military leaders or the Soviet Union would like. A key factor, they say, is the inability of many Syrian soldiers to use high-technology weapons effectively and to maintain them properly.

Israeli military officials continue to emphasize the strength of Syria's armed forces, to which Moscow is said to have contributed about $2,500m in arms and equipment since June 1982. But conviction is growing among experts on the military balance in the Middle East that Syrian and Soviet commanders are concerned with the slowness with which new arms are being assimilated into the Syrian military establishment.

The Israelis believe, and most Western intelligence officers agree, that the Syrian ground forces are very good when they are dug in and have the clearly defined task of holding their ground. But they are much less good when they have to climb out of their positions and manoeuvre under fire in the open.

Intelligence reports reaching western capitals say that Soviet advisers are concerned over the backwardness of the Syrian infantry, especially the reserves who reported for duty late last year. The training programmes instituted by the Syrian high command, at Soviet suggestion, have not been able to overcome the reservists' inability to carry out modern infantry tactics.

As a result, the 40,000 or more Syrian troops now stationed in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon are regarded as a garrison rather than a potential attacking force.

The western intelligence sources believe Syria is playing for time and is waiting until the new arms and the new tactics provided by the Russians can be employed effectively against the Israelis or the Jordanians. This could explain, they say, Syria's comparative military inactivity in Lebanon and its reliance on Druze and Islamic guerrillas for offensive action against the Lebanese army and the US marines and other units of the multinational force in Beirut.

The Syrian armoured force, bolstered by the delivery of T-72 tanks from the Soviet Union, is regarded as the most powerful military arm, but its ability to attack is limited by the lack of trained infantry and by its vulnerability to Israeli aircraft.

The Syrian air force has received more than 100 modern fighters from the Soviet Union to make up the losses suffered in the 1982 clash with Israel. These have been armed with new air-to-air missiles, but their effectiveness in combat with the Israeli air force is doubtful because of the weakness in early-warning systems and ground control.

The most important advance for Syria has been the profusion of anti-aircraft weapons. The Syrians, however, are only slowly mastering the complexities of advanced systems such as the SA-5 surface-to-air missile, which, where deployed, is manned by Soviet crews.

The SA-5s will be a definite threat to Israel's air superiority if the Israelis venture over Syria itself, one senior western officer said. But he doubted that the weapons would suffice to halt Israeli air raids on position in the Bekaa or against the guerrillas deployed around Beirut.

The unknown ingredient in the military balance is the force of SS-21 surface-to-surface missiles delivered by the Russians. Although the military intelligence analysts concede that these could be used against targets deep in Israel, or against US warships off Lebanon, they doubt whether their Syrian crews have the training in targeting to make attacks effective against air bases or supply depots.

But, they say, time, technical instruction and training could turn the Syrian forces into the most effective Arab power in the Middle East since the Egyptian army and air force of 1973. Some believe this can be accomplished in two years; others say five years is the minimum.

Two factors, they say, must remain constant. One is internal stability within Syria, the second is continued Soviet interest in Syria and the Middle East.

Most of the analysts admit that they cannot identify the principal Soviet objective. One interpretation is that Moscow wants to ensure that it is involved in any political bargain struck over Lebanon. A second view is that it seeks primary influence over both Syria and Lebanon in order to build air and naval bases in both countries and thus counterbalance American arms and potential bases in Israel.

Drew Middleton

David Howell

A sledgehammer to crack a nut

What account should ministers take of the representations they are receiving from local authority associations and dignitaries about the Rates Bill and the future of local government? My own answer would be: not too much.

Local administration in Britain is mostly operated by excellent and dedicated people, but over the years governments have paid too much attention to the local authority establishment and not enough to the wishes of the people which those authorities serve.

Ministers should rely instead on their own good sense, and this should tell them three things about the present situation.

First, we are indeed a unitary state, and local authorities derive all their powers from Parliament. But, by ancient custom, they have always been allowed to set their rates and levels of expenditure.

We should care about custom and convention because they form the basis of our constitution. Customs can be overthrown (and sometimes should be). But we should always act very carefully in such instances, with the widest possible consent and with a clear idea of the gains to be secured.

Second, in this case it is claimed that one of the gains would be to restore the proper cooperation of local authorities in national policy aims. Have they failed on this score?

A few clearly have – by spending and rating up wildly, well beyond what either central government or much of local government considers reasonable. But others have done well, innovating, contracting out, increasing efficiency, privatizing services in a variety of ways which must be strongly encouraged.

The tearaway councils should be curbed. This could require new selective powers. But it is hard to see that we need a new statute law to limit rates and precepts generally.

Third, the other underlying aim is to make local government work better, be more accountable locally and to safeguard the interests of ratepayers. This aspect of local government, with non-voting industrial and commercial ratepayers producing much the greater proportion of rate income, is not working at all well.

One remedy would be to turn local authorities still more into mere agents of the central power and limit local decisions still further. But I prefer the injunctions of that tireless champion of liberty, Professor Hayek, who urges us to resist the assumption by central government of functions performed locally.

One necessary reform is to relate what local authorities spend much more closely to what they raise in rates.

In others words, don't leave local government overloaded with powers and obligations, and reduce the swollen size of the central government grant, which is the real cause of much of the bad blood. For instance, it should surely be possible to continue to organize education on a local basis while disentangling it from the rigmarole of rates and local authorities.

Rates and local spending would thus be brought much more into line. That would pave the way for much more vigorous local control and, possibly, for improvements in the rating system itself (although I do not at all like the idea of a new tax which the local government associations are pushing).

Then there is the matter of accountability. If we cannot go back to the business vote, then at least let us consider giving electors more frequent opportunities to dislodge councils and generally to have a greater say in local government activities.

There probably had to be a move of some kind against the huge overspenders. Some of the worst offenders, the metropolitan county councils, are going anyway, so that takes care of them. (The government of London needs much more thought.)

For the remaining few I would prefer to see a steady strengthening of ballot-box pressures and of judicial control (the gradualist approach we adopted in the last Transport Act to curb absurdly large fare subsidies). But it may be that patience with that course has now run out and a new selective law is unavoidable.

But to slip from this into approval for a general limiting power on local authorities above a certain size and thus to throw over long-established practices concerning, in Sir Ivor Jennings' words, some of the most important and most intimate functions of the State, seems to be getting the "national policy" problem wholly out of proportion.

I cannot see why the general powers are needed, or what would be achieved by putting them on the statute book except a great deal of aggravation.

The author, Conservative MP For Guildford, was Transport Secretary, 1981-83.

Anne Sofer

The lone voice that could be many

I am sure *The Times* does not want this page used as a sort of wall newspaper in which the contributors merely debate with each other, but I cannot resist using my column this week to comment on the article by Michael Ivens of Aims of Industry which appeared last Monday. It was about the ILEA and the campaign that is at present being waged against the Government's proposed legislation for its future. He complained that when he went to a meeting at his children's school, he was swamped in a deluge of political propaganda, in which his was the only voice raised against the platform; and he concludes that the Conservatives must improve their "grass roots campaigning" activities.

He is in two senses wholly wrong, and in one sense at least partly, and very importantly, right. And before going on to expound that I would like to say that I am very glad he is an ILEA parent. We need people like him. I know how much courage it must have taken to speak up in that sort of atmosphere, and I salute him for it.

However what he overlooks is that opposition to the Government's proposals – both the abolition of a directly elected ILEA and rate-capping – is not confined to one political party. Indeed all political parties in London oppose both measures, and have said so very clearly. The leader of the ILEA Tories, Professor David Smith, *himself* led the way on the need for direct elections. (And since I seem to have put myself in the position of awarding gold stars for courage, he certainly ought to have one as well). I have attended quite a number of the sort of "Save ILEA" meetings Mr Ivens describes. Most of them have been all-party occasions, with the Conservative place taken either by an ILEA Tory – who attacks both Conservative Government centralism and Labour ILEA extremism – or left empty because the invited local Conservative MP has disdained to appear or send a representative.

The second mistake Mr Ivens makes is to assume that Conservatives in London are incapable of organizing grassroots campaigns. Far be it from me to defend them, but I would draw to Mr Ivens' attention the energetic campaign organized by Wandsworth Conservatives in 1980 in a previous assault on the ILEA. It did all the things he says a campaign should do (and at ratepayers' expense too): letters to the press, public meetings, circulation of all governors, opinion polls... But, alas for his argument, it flopped. And it flopped for the most simple of reasons, that there was no support. Inner Londoners, even those who vote Conservative, are just not organizable in the cause of doing down the ILEA. However exasperated they might get with it from time to time, they want it left alone.

But the issue on which Mr Ivens is at least partly right is on the political stranglehold the Labour Party has on grass-roots organization within the education system. The ILEA has gone further than some authorities in including parents and teachers on governing bodies, but political appointments are still in the majority, and almost all chairmen are Labour activists. Some of them are excellent; but almost all of them operate, perhaps quite unconsciously, within a network and grapevine of views and contacts and information which excludes the world outside the party.

At the top, in County Hall, the exclusion is deliberate and brutal. For instance, although there are some 50 schools in my constituency, I am unable to get myself appointed to the governing body or attend the panel to appoint headteachers for a single one. When SDP members complain about this situation in the Education Committee we are howled down by a manifestation of the Labour Party at its ugliest; a Hieronymus Bosch-like jeering, gaping, bullying mob. Although most Labour chairmen of governors are not in this image, it is probably true to say that among them as a body – as among any other Labour group in London over the past five years – there has been a move to the left. This has meant an increasing politicization of their role, a greater tendency to use any platform available for attacking the Government, and an increasingly intolerant rejection of any view but their own.

But what really has to be said is that all this is entirely the Conservative Government's own fault. In this day and age it is no good giving politicians power and then expecting them not to use it politically; and it is the Conservative Government that has failed to take any action to de-politicize governing bodies, and this despite the fact that the Taylor Committee recommendations for greater parent and community involvement are now getting on for eight years old. The reason for this inaction is not far to seek: most local education authorities are after all Conservative, and local Conservatives are quite as keen as any socialists on preserving their own perks and powers of patronage. Besides, would governing bodies full of parents and teachers let Tory councils off quite so lightly as some of the present variety have done in the matter of cuts?

However, if the Government really does want to make changes that will increase democracy and responsiveness in the education system (and that is after all what it is claiming), then the introduction of Taylor in Inner London is an obvious answer. It would win it support from parents, and that is certainly something (as Mr Ivens' article made abundantly clear) which it does not possess at the moment.

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ANGOLA BATTLEGROUND

South Africa seems to be raising the stakes in Angola. If its own accounts are correct its latest incursion was the largest since the invasion of November, 1981. It led to a major battle in which 324 opponents were killed, including Cubans, Angolan regular forces and members of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo). Tanks and weapons were also destroyed and prisoners taken. Some of the Soviet advisers in Angola are said to have been directly involved in controlling the fighting. The United Nations Security Council has censured South Africa, with Britain and the United States abstaining.

The South African Government claims primarily military reasons. It says that Cuvelai, where the fighting took place, is an important logistical base for Swapo. Just before Christmas it announced a "limited campaign" in Southern Angola aimed at stopping Swapo guerrillas from mounting their annual rainy season offensive across the border into Namibia. According to a military spokesman last week's battle was successful in dispersing Swapo, disrupting their preparations and turning back the spearhead of their advance. At the same time, however, the official statement claims that the incident occurred only because Swapo, Cuban and Angolan soldiers attacked a "relatively small" South African force last Tuesday.

Doubtless the military explanations are genuine up to a point. Swapo is active across the border in Namibia and was probably planning new actions, as it does at this time of year. But the primary reason for what looks like escalation on South Africa's part must be political and diplomatic. As Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister, put it, "The Security Council resolution virtually condoned violence. The South African Government rejects that decision and reconfirms its standpoint that it will continue to act against any terrorist organization which is bent on determining the future of South West Africa/ Namibia with violent means. . . .The time has come for the world to know that South Africa will not allow itself to be intimidated."

Nobody thought that South Africa was going to be intimidated, but many wonder if the South African Government really wants a settlement of the Namibia issue at the moment. It still, understandably, fears a hostile black government in Windhoek, which is what it would get. It does not want further alienation of its own white supporters after the controversial referendum on constitutional reform last year. And it believes that it has little to fear from the United States, where the policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa has meant abandoning direct pressure.

Some military men in South Africa also have hopes of tilting the balance of power in Angola with further help to the Unita forces under Mr Savimbi, who already controls substantial areas. If Mr Savimbi could be helped to march into Luanda the problem would seem nicely solved. But the danger is that before this happened the Russians and Cubans would put in more troops. Already the Russians have been sending warning signals to the South African Government pledging full support for the Government of Angola. In spite of the invisibility of Mr Andropov they are probably not in a mood to give up Angola without much better reason than they have now.

For the moment the main debate centres on the rival proposals for a disengagement. The South Africans proposed a truce starting on January 31 but demanded as a condition the removal of Cuban troops and the end of Swapo incursions into Namibia. Angola countered by demanding that South Africa pledge without preconditions to begin implementing by mid-March the United Nations plan for Namibian independence. South Africa then said that it would begin implementation "upon resolution of the problem of Cuban forces in Angola".

There does not seem to be much of a bridge between these positions. Perhaps now that South Africa has improved its military position and demonstrated its determination to take further military action if necessary, even deep into Angola, it could make some concession, such as attaching no clear timetable to the withdrawal of Cuban troops. However, it will not get much change out of the Angolan Government unless it gives convincing evidence of a desire to move out of Namibia, and it is difficult to see any compelling reason why it should feel obliged to do this, especially if it has the military situation under control. For the moment, therefore, the prospect is for more haggling, more fighting, and little if any political progress.

ROME AND THE REST

Not very long ago the Roman Catholic Church in Britain sat in one lonely corner and all the rest – Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists – in another, with little traffic between them. That at least was an improvement on the previous open religious hostility. Even more remarkable is the contrast with today, when those other churches, through the person of the British Council of Churches, are actively wooing the Roman Catholics into membership of that body. It is manifestly upset to be only the British Council of (some of the) Churches, with a large part of Christian activity in Britain, the Roman part, carrying on as if it did not exist.

The Roman Catholic Church is unsure how to react to these pressing overtures, wavering between "on the one hand" and "on the other", and the least they could do – are doing this week – is to have a meeting about it. Leaders of the other churches, including the Archbishop of Canterbury will join the bishops of the Roman communion in England and Wales for a residential conference at Chelmsford.

It is a sign of the Roman Catholic predicament that even the terms of this discussion have been left unclear. For most if not all the non-Roman distinguished visitors, the job in hand will be to complete the wooing, and even persuade the bishops to name a date. Some will take no persuading. But an influential group, led by the president of the bishops' conference, Cardinal Hume, have such serious misgivings that the discussions are not officially about the British Council of Churches at all. They are about "the nature of the church," a phrase which, when Roman Catholic theologians use it, implies deep water indeed.

The case for Roman Catholic membership is essentially about pragmatism, convenience, and ecumenical sentiment, while the case against is a fundamental challenge to the very concept of a council of churches. Is there really such an entity, known to man of God, or is it a fiction, empty of ecclesiological substance? To make matters worse, and for the Roman Catholic bishops more delicate,a great many ecumenical eggs are now sitting in that basket. The council has transferred to it all the expectations previously directed at the abortive "covenant for unity" scheme which the Church of England threw out in 1982.

The British Council of Churches can be, of course, whatever its members want it to be. A central listening post for the transmission of ideas and research is lacking from the British ecclesiastical landscape: often senior churchmen only know of each other's affairs through the press. Such a role would appear to present no problems for the Roman Catholic bishops. But the council of churches also has a general assembly, which debates and passes motions on the great issues of the day. This in turn encourages certain sections of the council's bureaucracy to make interim but no less resounding statements as they think fit, for later endorsement by the assembly. On the whole, it must be admitted, the churches in membership do not appear to pay very much attention to what is done rather inflatedly in their name. But if Cardinal Hume is asking "What authority has all this utterance?" it is a good question. Particularly as Roman Catholic membership would seem to convey even more weight to it.

Nevertheless the Roman Catholic Church has been put on the spot. Church unity is its official policy, manifestly a sincere one, and the same desire exists in the other churches. Beyond the stage of being nice to each other must come the stage of making demands of each other, spelling out their terms. Yet no mechanism exists, lest it be the British Council of (all the) Churches, for doing any such thing other than bilaterally.

The time has probably come when both sides must free themselves from the gag of ecumenical courtesy, the Roman Catholic Church saying what sort of council of churches it really would like to join, and the other churches saying whether they will pay whatever the price is. If the result is a much more theologically oriented, and much less politically oriented, body, headed more by a management committee than a general assembly, few would complain. In exchange the churches would acquire a useful, if less publicly visible common instrument of their search for unity.

STRAINS ON THE MEXICAN SYSTEM

The Mexican political system used to be over-praised. Before the Plaza de las Tres Culturas massacre of 1968, Mexico was held up as an example to other Latin American nations, a country that had evolved an enduring system of one party government, kept a stable currency, and at least delivered some of the goods to some of the people some of the time. The image was damaged in 1968, but criticism was stilled by massive oil discoveries. Then came gross mismanagement of the boom and the foreign debt crisis at the end of 1982. Last year saw what can be construed as the beginnings of an orthodox recovery on the economic front, but also signs of prolonged political crisis. Is the present fashion of questioning the system's capacity to survive justified, or has excessive respect simply given way to excessive scepticism?

The particularly hermetic and personalist nature of Mexican politics does not make for an easy judgment. The most visible ballenges to the PRI, the ruling 'rty of the last twenty-five rs, come from the conserva- business and middle class lo de Accion Nacional in the more advanced northern and central parts, and from various left-wing groups, the most prominent being the Coalition of Workers, Peasants and Students (COEC) in the poorer south.

The PRI has responded to their recent successes by reverting to tactics of violence and sword that President de la Madrid had earlier disavowed rather than by attempting to improve its own attraction. The opposition, it seems, can be given a certain licence to oppose, but only a very limited licence to win.

Increasing political competition from right and left coincides with uncertainty about organized labour in a time of state-imposed austerity. Government and unions in Mexico have always needed each other, and difficulties with the unions do not occupy the highest place on the present list of worries. All the same the age of the union leadership – Fidel Velasquez, the leader of the Confederation of Mexican Labour is 83, and the head of a rival confederation is 89 – contributes to the uncertainty.

Corruption in recent years reached heights previously undreamt of. The world emphatically does not owe certain Mexicans a living on the scale to which they were becoming accustomed, and a more than cosmetic clean-up is a political as well as a financial necessity. Excessive corruption not only brings criticism and protest; it saps the will and confidence that politicians, in Mexico and elsewhere, require in testing times.

That is some of the dark side. It is still the case that neither the PAN nor the left offer Mexico a plausible alternative government, that the president enjoys a certain personal prestige, and that PRI has not lost all credibility quite apart from the patronage and other sources of power it has at its disposal. The Mexican government has not solved the prime conundrum of how to open a centralized one party system to the freer play of party and local opposition, but neither does it suppress all dissident voices and make no political effort to deprive them of support. It may be too early to dismiss President de la Madrid, a "technocrat", a product of the system, as a man without distinctive political skills of his own. If he has them, his country certainly needs them.

LETTERS E EDITOR

Airways interest before profit

From Mr A. J. Lucking

Sir, You have reported (January 2) that British Airways anticipates profits after £110m interest of £200m-250m this year, and up to £350m next year. The capital employed is around £800m, nearly all bank debt.

These profits arise because fares are geared to partner airlines such as Qantas, Swissair and Lufthansa with wage and salary levels around twice UK levels. Often, British exporters are not travelling as much as they should because they can afford only fares geared to the cost level of an efficient British carrier.

I believe that the priority task for British Airways is not to make huge profits, but to work with the Government to find some way through the jungle of bilateral agreements so that the nation's exporters can receive every assistance in their vital work of replacing the North Sea oil income.

Imperial Airways was nationalised by a Conservative Government in 1939 because it put profit and a 9 per cent dividend before the provision of air services into Europe.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. LUCKING,
Flat 20,
17 Broad Court,
Bow Street, WC2.

Local democracy

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, If one did not know that Councillor Blunkett was a far from naive character one would suspect that his closing passage in his letter, which you publish today (January 5), with its reference to a "democratic accountable electoral system", was an example of rather attractive naivety.

For Councillor Blunkett must be as well aware as any of us that the national electorate, which is completely comprehensive and includes all adults (except aliens, lunatics, long-term convicts and peers of the realm), voted decisively only a few months ago for a Government which would curb inflation and encourage economic growth.

Does Councillor Blunkett really feel that where a number of local authorities indulge in policies which could endanger such objectives the national Government should ignore its own commitments and placidly watch the frustration of the objectives to which it is committed?

Moreover, the expression "democratic accountable electoral system" ignores the fact that less than half of local authorities' rate income is contributed by local government electors: the larger part is contributed by industry and commerce, which has no local authority vote.

At the same time a majority of the voters do not directly or consciously pay rates. And above all only 22 per cent of total local authority expenditure is contributed by way of rates paid by individual ratepayers.

It takes an odd sort of mind to see this system as either "democratic" or "accountable".

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords,
January 5.

Royal Family duties

From Mr T. C. M. O'Donovan

Sir, I have again carried out a survey of the duties performed by the Royal Family during 1983, as reported in your Court Circular.

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The Queen	82	60	12	141	9
Duke of Edinburgh	84	89	23	9	21
The Queen Mother	70	25	1	21	2
Prince of Wales	89	43	17	17	3
Princess of Wales	86	21	–	3	3
Prince Andrew	11	3	–	–	1
Prince Edward	6	1	–	–	1
Princess Anne	162	64	8	10	6
Princess Margaret	77	24	6	9	1
Princess Alice	26	7	1	6	–
Duke of Gloucester	89	37	14	11	5
Duchess of Gloucester	62	17	6	1	3
Duke of Kent	77	22	18	4	9
Duchess of Kent	25	6	–	2	2
Princess Alexandra	78	24	4	13	2

1. Official visits, opening ceremonies and other appearances.
2. Receptions, lunches, dinners, banquets.
3. Meetings, including Privy Council.
4. Audiences given.
5. Number of countries visited.

In addition, the Queen held 42 investitures and the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales two each. As in previous years I have not included the weekly audiences given by the Queen to the Prime Minister.

The Queen, Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales had lengthy overseas tours. The Duchess of Kent was indisposed between April and October.

Yours faithfully,
T. C. M. O'DONOVAN,
Mariners,
The Avenue,
Datchet, Berkshire.

Backward glance

From Mr Michael Maclagan

Sir, My great-grandfather was only born in 1785, but was able to take part (as an Army doctor) in the Walcheren and Peninsular campaign. However, I am not yet 70.

His daughter-in-law and my grandmother used to visit French cousins in the middle of the last century. I was brought up to believe that on one occasion in Paris she sat next to an old lady who opened the conversation with the words: *"Comme disait Louis XIV à mon premier mari."*

Apparently the speaker had been the youthful ward of an aged Marshal of France who, shortly before the French Revolution, married his ward, seeking to secure for her the considerable pension belonging to the widow of a marshal. He had himself been a page of honour to Louis XIV.

Louis XIV died in 1715; my grandmother often spoke to me.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MACLAGAN,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street, EC4.

'Dual protect

From Professor Desmond

Sir, As Irish affairs co
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Church's allegatio amibia

From the Bishop of Stepney and
Terry Waite

Sir, Readers of Sir Trevor Lloy
Hughes's letter (January 5) would
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Information Service, which acts o
behalf of the South African-backe
authorities currently administerin
Namibia. The points he made in hi
letter will be dealt with in ou
delegation's report, which will b
published at the end of this month.

The Bishop of Namibia invited
the Archbishop of Canterbury to
send a delegation from the Anglican
Communion to pay a pastoral visit
to the Church there. We visited
parishes, took confirmations
brought encouragement and support
to a suffering Christian community.
Namibia is 85 per cent Christian
and 93 per cent black, and so the
"clerics" have a unique access to the
ordinary Namibian people, who feel
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we shall attempt to recount what we
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In reply to the spurious theology contained in the letter, we could do no better than quote Bishop Desmond Tutu, who said "religion is as dead without its political expression as politics is dangerous without the discipline of spiritual principles."

Yours sincerely,
JAMES STEPNEY,
TERRY WAITE,
Lambeth Palace, SE1.
January 6.

From Mr David Le Vay

Sir, In his letter of January 5, Sir Trevor Lloyd-Hughes criticizes the personal assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury for allegations of atrocities against civilians in Namibia by South African and Namibian forces. The situation is a complicated one and will not be made any clearer by ill-formulated allegations and counter-allegations.

I spent the greater part of 1983 working as a surgeon in Windhoek. It was clear from the many reports in a quite uncensored press and

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16 Square, W1.

Care for bear

From Mrs Michael Blair

Sir, Indeed the stationmaster at Corrour is the travellers' friend (report, January 2) and so is his wife. In the summer of 1982 the family Blair travelled overnight from Euston for their holiday at Corrour and only late in the morning, and five miles up the glen, was it discovered that Eric, a favourite teddy bear, had failed to alight.

A message then went by hand of stalker to Mr Morgan, who has Corrour's only telephone, and he soon learnt that Eric was already sitting opposite the Fort William stationmaster ready to catch the evening train back. And such was the kindness of Mrs Morgan, who could not think of a bairn going bearless to bed, that her motorised trike made a twilight trip.

Boy and bear slept happy. British Rail's finest hour.

Yours faithfully,
HALLDORA BLAIR,
Wootton House,
Brook Street, Warwick.

Non-nuclear options

From Mr J. W. Saunders

Sir, Walter Stein (December 30) is right in one thing: *The Times* ought
to lead in discussing
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Cracking down on 'peace studies'

From Lady Cox

Sir, Mr McCrum's defence (January 6) of the teaching of "peace studies" in schools underestimates two fundamental problems.

First, as he admits, the concept "peace" features in many disciplines. They range from theology and strategic studies to anthropology and psychology. Any attempt to attain a rounded view therefore requires considerable time and maturity, together with a knowledge of subjects which do not feature in most schools curricula.

What is educationally unacceptable is the facile application of the words "peace studies" to a simplistic discussion of selected issues. Moreover, even in "peace studies" courses, which attempt a broad perspective, such as the Atlantic College course commended by Mr McCrum, there is a conspicuous absence of systematic teaching about the realities of life in the USSR and Eastern Europe.

As Dr Scruton emphasized (feature, January 3), this is a major omission which further undermines the academic credibility of "peace studies".

I do not wish to imply that there are not some schools where staff are trying to present the complex issues concerned with "peace" in a balanced and impartial way. However, many recognise that it is impossible to do justice to them in the classroom; and many parents prefer their children to receive teaching in established subjects, which already compete for space in crowded timetables.

Secondly, Mr McCrum plays down the problem which is distressing many parents: the use of "peace studies" for purposes of political indoctrination.

There is considerable evidence that much teaching of "peace studies" is one-sided in its treatment of nuclear issues and is hostile to Nato. The recently publicised case in a Bournemouth school is one such example; many others could be cited. This is not surprising given the activities of organizations such as Teachers for Peace (an offshoot of CND) and Schools Against the Bomb.

Has the time come when we need to consider legislation to ban politically biased teaching in schools?

Yours faithfully,
COX,
House of Lords.
January 6.

Time to quit?

From Monsieur Philippe Cailloux

Sir, In your leading article, "We mean what she says" (December 16), the British contribution to the EEC is described as "unfairly high".

"Unfairly"? Which kind of unfair treatment does the UK suffer from? Has the EEC produced special regulations, applicable to the UK only, for the benefit of the other countries? Or does the EEC apply the common rules to UK in a biased way?

If this were the case, why has not the UK reported to the European Court of Justice? I am surprised indeed to see that there is not a single word in your leading article to explain to your readers the reasons for that so-called unfairness.

Now, why is the UK contribution so high? Indeed, the common belief, here on the Continent, is that this is due to the fact that the UK, although it has joined the EEC, goes on importing food from overseas, disregarding that these supplies are available inside the EEC (though at higher prices, I admit). Do you agree with this explanation?

The UK is free, of course, to deem that the rules of the EEC are not suitable to British economic interests. And it is free to act accordingly, that is to leave the EEC. But as long as the UK sticks to the Community it has to comply with the common rules and has no right to protest against an "unfair" treatment that is but "the common fate of all".

Sincerely yours,
PHILIPPE CAILLOUX,
12 Rue du Dr Kurzenne,
78350 Jouy en Josas,
France.
December 26.

Industrial jigsaw

From Dr C. J. Wrigley

Sir, Whilst the 30-year rule operates well for Cabinet minutes and papers (other than the allegedly sensitive material), *in practice* it does not do so for much material stemming from Government departments.

At the Public Record Office one finds that files which cover long-running issues (such as industrial relations in an industry), say for 1949 to 1958, are kept closed until the last year of the sequence of the material. Thus, even now it is hard to study the industrial problems of the Attlee governments (1945 to 1951).

In such instances the public interest and scholarly interest go hand in hand. It is a great pity that material relating to the recent history of Britain's industrial decline should become available in the manner of a jigsaw puzzle.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. WRIGLEY,
Department of Economics,
Loughborough University,
Loughborough,
Leicestershire.
December 30.

Slippery slope

From Mr R. P. C. Plowden

Sir, I like the pound coin, but shouldn't it be inscribed not *Decus et tutamen,* but *Facilis descensus*?

Yours sincerely,
R. P. C. PLOWDEN,
22 Prince Edward Mansions, W2.
January 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 8: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Church this morning. The Bishop of Leicester preached the sermon.

A memorial service for Laura Lady Pease will take place in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street today at 2.30.

The Hon Mrs Nicholas Monson gave birth to a son on January 4, 1984.

A memorial service for Sir James Pitman will be held in the chapel of the Order of the British Empire in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30am on Thursday, February 2.

Birthdays today

Major D. S. Allhusen, 70; Sir Rudolph Bing, 82; Mr George Brennan, 50; Sir John Buckley, 71; Miss Simone de Beauvoir, 76; Mr Clive Dunn, 62; Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, 84; the Very Rev John R. Gray, 71; Father Benedict Green, 65; Mr Terry Hands, 43; Mr David Holbrook, 61; Sir Glyn Jones, 76; Mr Richard Nixon, 71; Admiral Sir Frederick Parham, 83; Mr Ralph Tubbs, 72; Mr David Watt, 52; the Right Rev F. H. West, 75.

Christening

The infant daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Shaun Longsdon was christened Laura Camilla by the Rev Derek Cowmeadow at St Peter's Church, Southrop on Sunday, January 8, 1984. The godparents are Brigadier Richard Swinburn, Major William Hurrell, Mrs Simon Hanbury and Mrs Richard Hamilton Russell.

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Sir John Donaldson entertained children who have connexions with the City and London boroughs at a fancy dress party at the Mansion House on Saturday.

Latest appointment

Latest appointments include:
Mr Paul Cooper to be House Governor to The Hospitals for Sick Children (Great Ormond Street and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hackney), in succession to Mr R. G. B. Mitchem, who has retired.

Church unity debate

Paradox of the Pope's role

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

An important theological d... bate has broken out ov... with the almost simultaneo... publication of six significa... articles, all by key people in th... process. The debate is abo... authority in the church, partic... larly the position of the Pope.

The most important, becau... it is the most representative ... the Church of England's prese... position, is by the Bishop ... London, Dr Graham Leonar... who says in the journal, Insigh... "Much work has still to be do... on how the Bishop of Ro... exercises the providential ro... to which he is called . . ."

This expresses both th... growing acceptance in Anglic... nism that church unity mu... include the papacy, and th... growing recognition that th... Anglican terms for unity i... clude a substantial reform ...

He is reviewing the boo... *The Bishop of Rome* by Fath... Jean Tillard, who is a Rom... Catholic member of the Ang... can-Roman Catholic Inter... national Commission. Dr Le... nard says he finds Fath... Tillard's central argument ... my judgment, compelling".

It is that the whole ... Christian history contains ... "great tradition", that of ... universal primacy centred up... Rome together with the pri... ciple that "local churches ... under each bishop, are indep... dent. It is an apparent parado... sometimes unsuccessfully ... solved in favour of the papac... sometimes unsuccessfully solved in favour of the lo... church.

The suggestion is that bo... partial solutions have to ... unstitched, and the parado... restored with each principle ... tension with the other. Th... implies both an appropria... theology, and appropriate stru... tures, to allow the tension to ... useful and prevent it fro... turning again into destructi... conflict.

Such conclusions as the... closely resemble the final rep... of the first Anglican-Roma... Catholic International Co... mission, which is now bei... discussed in both churches ... the second commission begi... its work.

Tillard, a French ...an, has an article ...d in the latest edition of ...ict, the first of two on ...ne. He is replying at ...to the robust but ...tic criticisms of the final report made by Joseph Ratzinger, ... the Vatican's Sacred ...ation for the Doctrine ... Faith in the journal ...ast year.

...ardinal had said that ... reservations on papal ... were more substantial ... Anglican-Roman Cath... mmission had appreci... d hence the agreement ...mmission claimed to ...nd was less than it ...

... cathedra papal teaching ... "manifestly" in accord... ith Scripture, the com... had reported, Anglicans ... "reserve" the reception ... doctrine "for study and ...on". That was not good ... Cardinal Ratzinger had ...nted. The word "mani... begged all the questions. ... Tillard replies that the ...side's reservation was ... at the cardinal assumed ... be, an appeal to the ...le of "Scripture alone". ...hrase "manifestly legiti... had a very precise ..., which is far from ... the intervention of ... and of all ecclesiastical ... authority on the ... it calls for them", he ... *The Tablet*.

Professor Henry Chadwick, former Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge and an Anglican member of ARCIC, comments on the present Anglican position in the latest edition of the journal, *Theology*.

"It is perhaps among our Anglican characteristics that we dream dreams of universal eucharistic communion, but do not know how to bring them about. We do not easily believe that communion with one see, even so ancient and venerable a see [as Rome] is a sufficient and indeed a necessary condition of authentic catholicity.

"But we instinctively warm to the unity and universality which belong to the very being of the church, and which the primacy of Peter's office [the papacy] represents. We do not readily believe that one man, limited in background and outlook as all men are, can in himself embody a sovereign teaching authority.

"But how delighted we are by the bold affirmation of faith before the indifferent secular world. When they come from the top, bold initiatives have great power."

Ironically, Dr Leonard quotes Father Tillard's remarks in his book which criticize, from a Roman Catholic theological point of view, excess aggrandisement of the papacy. Father Tillard, he says, "recognizes the force of popular sentiment in seeking in the Pope a position which obscures the essential characterisation of the function of the Bishop of Rome."

This tendency, for Anglicans to be nice about the Vatican while Roman Catholic theologians are more critical, is echoed in the article by Canon Christopher Hill, Anglican secretary of ARCIC and the Archbishop of Canterbury's adviser on Roman Catholic relations, in another article in *Insight*.

He warmly welcomes Cardinal Ratzinger's critical comments in the ARCIC final report and he credits him with "profound understanding of the ecumenical task". Again referring to the Anglican reservation of papal teaching which was not "manifestly" a legitimate interpretation of biblical faith, he denies that the Anglicans were insisting on "Scripture alone" or that every member of the church had the right to make private interpretations of Scripture.

"But this does not mean that there are not times when the whole Church, including of course those with a defined teaching authority, cannot instinctively recognize a serious departure from what ARCIC described as biblical faith and orthodox tradition", Canon Hill states.

The real difficulty lies, he indicates, with those doctrinal decisions made authoritatively by one church since the Anglican break with Rome, the "non-reception of the doctrinal developments of one body by another".

Canon Hill also asserts the seriousness of the unity issue to Anglicans, denying the cardinal's suggestion that it is seen as "an unnecessary, if desirable, externality". The joint commission's report said unity was "of the essence of the church".

Father Edward Yarnold, SJ, another Roman Catholic member of ARCIC, finds in his *Insight* article a contrast between the Sacred Congregation's judgment of the ARCIC final report, which was highly critical, and Cardinal Ratzinger's own views.

The cardinal, in his original *Insight* article last year, applauded the attempt to "distinguish the essential truth of a doctrine from the historically conditioned form in which that truth is defined". He seeks to show how that principle could reconcile the sixteenth-century definition of transubstantiation by the Council of Trent, with the Anglican doctrine of the eucharist which had better preserved the emphasis on a sacramental dimension.

"Neither church needs to renounce its tradition: each needs to share the insights of the other", he adds.

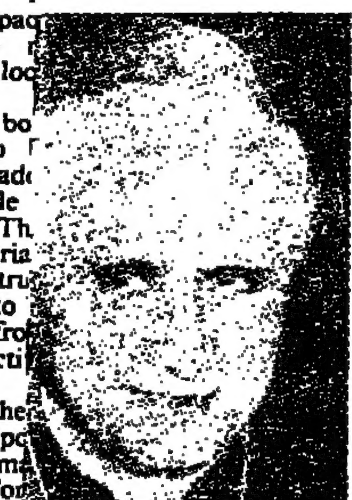
The sixth, briefest, and neatest of this series of essays, from Sister Cecily Boulding, an English Dominican nun who is also a member of ARCIC, suggests the resolution of Cardinal Ratzinger's objection that the joint theological conversations have confused "Tradition" with "traditions".

The latter is the particular possession of one church, its cultural and historical form, while the former is the central gospel message.

She suggests that the evolution of Tradition had started even before the gospels themselves were written, in particular as the early Church consolidated the primary position of St Peter by attributing to Jesus sayings in support of it, which then appeared in "the decisive written word of scripture". Such expressions as "Thou art Peter and upon this rock . . ." were probably finalized between AD80 and AD95.

She argues that Tradition is transmitted by "traditions", pointing to a third stage of meaning. "A distinguished theologian once said that what the Church hands on is – herself. If Tradition plus traditions produces the third stage of meaning I have suggested, could we not say that in this third sense the Church *is* Tradition?" That could be the key to reconciling the Anglican and Roman Catholic positions concerning papal primacy, and relieve the problem of the 1870 definition of papal infallibility.

Sources: *Insight*: The Carmelite Monastery, Ware Park, Ware, Herts: £2; *The Tablet*: 48, Great Peter Street, SW1: 50p; *Theology*: SPCK, Holy Trinity, Marylebone Road, NW1; £1.35.



...linal Joseph Ratzinger: Robust criticism.

Dr Graham Leonard: Compelling argument.

OBITUARY

PROF ALFRED KASTLER

Physicist who developed the laser

Professor Alfred Kastler, the French scientist who discovered the fundamental phenomenon on which first the maser and then the laser were based, died at Bandol, France, on January 7, at the age of 81. He received the Nobel prize for physics in 1966.

When Kastler was born in Guebwiller, in Alsace, on May 3, 1902, the region was part of Germany before its transfer to France after the First World War. He began his teaching career in Alsace and held teaching positions in other provincial universities. In 1941 he became Professor of Physics at the University of Paris, a post he held for 27 years.

In 1950 Kastler developed a system known as "optical pumping" for which he eventually was awarded his Nobel prize. It was a procedure whereby atoms – usually gases in his first experiments – were illuminated with frequencies of light that the atoms were capable of absorbing. After a certain amount of light had been absorbed, the atoms attained momentarily higher energy states at which they were unstable and re-emitted the light energy as an intense pure beam of radiation.

Kastler used both visible light and radio waves to stimulate the atoms of the substances he was studying, and from the manner in which they re-emitted the energy he deduced facts about the structure of the atoms that could not be found easily by available methods of laboratory analysis.

The technique led directly to the development of masers and lasers in which the intense beams of light became useful in industry for welding, in medicine for delicate surgery and in communications for sending television and telephone transmissions along optical cables.

When the American scientist, Professor Charles Townes received his Nobel prize in 1964 for the development of a maser there was some dissatisfaction in France over the ignoring of Kastler. This was put right two years later when the French physicist was recognized.

He was Director of the French National Science Research Centre when he retired in 1972; but his teaching and research created the field of Opto Electronics and laid the foundation for the present successes of French industry in the application of laser and fibre optic communications in information technology.

Kastler, whose work received wide academic recognition abroad, also had strong leanings toward pacifism, and was associated publicly with movements against the Vietnam war, against the French independent deterrent and against the missile programmes of both the Soviet Union and the United States.

In 1924 Kastler married Elise Cosset; they had two sons and one daughter.

MR SHAW WILDMAN

Mr Shaw Wildman, who died on December 27, was one of the leading figures in the early days of fashion and commercial photography in the 1930's and 1940's. His clear, sharp images made him much sought after at a time when the potentialities of photography for advertising purposes were only beginning to be realized.

He was born in Accrington, in Lancashire, in 1900, but his career was made in the South. After a year in the Royal Flying Corps, he began work in Fleet Street, where he became especially interested in advertisement layout, at a time when literal lithographed drawings and processed photographs were the usual methods of illustration.

In 1929 he became a professional photographer himself in order to take photographs which would be naturally effective in advertising. He rapidly developed a style which reproduced persuasively and clearly in newspapers and magazines and on hoardings, and in 1932 he opened a studio in Hendon.

His photographs, often of members of his family, were used in Kodak's advertising, and he received commissions from a number of leading firms, among them Harvey Nichols and British Celanese. For his fashion photographs he made a point of using outdoor settings such as racetracks and airports.

During the Second World War he worked for the Ministry of Information as cameraman for Richard Massingham's films.

Wildman continued to be active as a photographer until his retirement in 1968, when he went to live in Aberaeron, in Wales. He was married twice, and is survived by two sons and four daughters.

MISS ROSE BRUFORD

A former student writes:

With the death of Rose Bruford on December 21 at the age of 79, the theatre has lost one of its great teachers. She studied under Elsie Fogerty at the Central School and qualified with high honours, but coming from a strict religious background she did not feel able to pursue a career in the theatre.

This loss was the gain of countless children, students, teachers, actors and actresses. The most fortunate of all were those who studied under her at the Rose Bruford Training College of Speech and Drama which she founded at Sidcup in 1950 – giving up a safe job and against all advice – to provide a pioneering dual course in drama and teaching.

Whatever their later careers, the three years her students spent with "Bru" were an exemplary education. The work was hard and exacting; from the first moment she demanded professionalism, but her skill and judgment created excitement, and she always taught and criticised with love and humour.

Every year she produced "The Big Show" in a London theatre, using all 170 students on or off the stage. This of course enabled the leaving students to be seen by agents, but it was also an opportunity for all to work together, enhancing and under- lining the feeling of co-operation which is essential in any theatrical production.

Her family of students knew that she was not only a superbly skillful teacher, mime and verse speaker – happily a farewell recital of verse she gave on the South Bank in 1971 was recorded – but that above all she was a good person. This combination of skill and character has been, and will continue to be, a lasting influence.

MR IDRISS MISKINE

Mr Idriss Miskine, Foreign Minister of Chad, died in Ndjamena on January 7, after a short illness. He was 35.

The Foreign Minister, a close associate of President Hissène Habre, fell ill last week after returning from Addis Ababa where he had taken part in preparations for reconciliation talks with the rebel factions in the Chad civil war. These were due to begin this week.

Miskine earned a reputation as a ruthless military commander during years with Habré in the bush, having fought at various periods against French and Libyan troops and rival guerrillas. As Foreign Minister he had a leading diplomatic role on visits abroad in the struggle last year against the Libyan-backed rebels of the former President Goukouni Oueddei.

Mr George Lyn Ashby Pritt, who died in Aldeburgh on December 22 at the age of 79, had been vice-president of the Aldeburgh Festival since the early 1970s, and an active supporter of the festival since its beginning in 1947.

Science report

Electric power hop... r future

By Pearce Wright, Science Ed...

Accurate records of the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere kept over the past 34 years show that concentrations have increased from 315 parts per million in 1958 to 340 parts per million in 1982.

That increase is a global phenomenon and it is attributed largely to the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas).

But there is increasing evidence that carbon dioxide released because of deforestation and soil deterioration, especially in the tropics, is contributing to a more rapid build-up of the gas in the atmosphere. Against those predictions, a group of engineers and economists have submitted a strategy which would avert the long-term effects of global warming.

Calculations show that a doubling of atmospheric carbon dioxide would lead to a heating of the surface of the oceans and the land by an average of about four watts per square metre. In practice that means that the surface temperature would change from about 1.6 to 4.5 degrees centigrade, depending on the part of the world the measurements were made, for a doubling of carbon dioxide.

The climatic consequences would be catastrophic, with fertile temperate zones becoming arid deserts.

The strategy proposed by Dr David Rose and Dr Marvi... Miller, of the Massachuset... Institute of Technology, an... Dr Carson Agnew, of Stanfor... University, California, woul... avert the build-up of carbo... dioxide from fossil fuels by ... programme of increased e... ergy efficiency.

They propose accelerati... the transition from fossil fue... to renewable sources of ener... such as solar power, win... photovoltaic devices, the use ... biomass and nuclear power.

Their report, prepared f... the US National Scien... Foundation concludes th... stringent panic measures ... restrict the use of fossil fue... are unjustified and imprac... cal. Uncertainties exist in bo... the timing and the co... sequences of the clima... changes to be induced by t... so-called greenhouse effe... Nevertheless, they say acti... should be started this deca... because "the time from co... ception of a new energy supp... technology to its widespre... adoption is half a century ... longer".

The three scientists fr... MIT and Stanford accept th... "a significant warming in ... next century probably can... be avoided. However, the r... of increase of atmosphe... carbon dioxide due to fos... fuel consumption can ... significantly reduced via ... realistic energy strategy th... produces a relatively carb... dioxide benign situation."

... benign they mean that ... build-up in the atmosphere ... an increase from the present ... parts per million to about ... parts per million by the ... 2050, which is a rate ... esponding to a doubling ... of several centuries.

...lthough they urge inter... ional collaboration, the ...e scientists suggest that it ... be impossible to develop a ...nal concensus for any one ...ple set of energy options ...ause of different stages of ...ustrialization, different ...ilable resources, different ...ceptions of climatological ... economic winning or losing, ... other factors.

But the report calls particu...ly for a close study of future ...thods of electric power ...eration. The trend towards ...more electric world, coupled ...h the fact that most non-...sil energy options are ...ctric, indicates the need for ...ch an investigation, they ....

They list some of the ...chnical issues, storage, inter...tive load control, combined ...at and power and operations ...volving joint generator-user ...chnologies, which will make ...ectric power systems more ...rsatile and responsive to ...emand and that will result in ...heaper costs of electric power ...eneration.

...lobal Energy Futures and ...O₂ induced climate change, National Science Foundation, ...Vashington).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. K. Bloomfield and Miss O. C. Provis
The engagement is announced between Andrew Kenneth, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. W. C. Bloomfield, of Milestones, Beckington, Somerset, and Olivia Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Provis, of Plas Newydd, Bonvilston, South Glamorgan.

Mr. M. H. Boger and Miss J. E. Essayan
The engagement is announced between Manuel, only son of Mr and Mrs Victor Boger, of Maida Vale, London, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Essayan, of Chelsea, London.

Mr and N. D. Compton and Miss S. A. Weymont
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Davis, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. C. Compton, of Barnes, London, and Sarah Ann, younger daughter of Colonel P. D Weymont, and Mrs Weymont, of Repulse Bay, Hong Kong.

Mr M. C. Day and Miss E. S. Raywood
The engagement is announced between Martin Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Day, of Chingford, London, and Erica Stephanie, day of Mr P. W. Raywood, of Norwich, Norfolk, and the late Mrs V. N Raywood.

Mr A. P. Johnson and Miss J. M. Allibone
The engagement is announced between Anthony Peter, son of Mr and Mrs William C. H. Johnson, of Cascabela, Los Realejos, Tenerife, and Jessamy Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Allibone, of Hemsted Toll, Benenden, Kent.

Dr D. M. Justins and Miss J. C. Thorne
The engagement is announced between Douglas, only son of Mrs B. A. Justins and the late Mr M. A. Justins, of Brisbane, Australia, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Thorne, of Prestbury, Cheltenham.

Mr J. T. Maitland and Miss J. S. Reid-Kay
The engagement is announced between James Tyler, second son of the late Mr Adam Maitland of Dundrennan and of Mrs Maitland of Dundrennan, of Cumstoun, Kirkcudbright, and Jane Strathern, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Reid-Kay, Cambuskenneth, Stirling.

Mr J. D. Moss and Miss C. E. McCarthy
The engagement is announced between James Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs E. A. Moss, of Southlands, Iver Health Buckinghamshire, and Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. P. McCarthy, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. J. Oberst and Miss C. H. Drane
The engagement is announced between Simon elder son of Mr H. C. Oberst, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs P. B. Hilliard, of Blackmore, Essex and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Drane, of Wentworth, Virginia Water Surrey, and Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

Mr E. P. E. Reade and Miss L. A. Hayman
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of the late Arthur Reade and Mrs Angela Reade, of Liphook, Hampshire, and Louise, daughter of Judge and Mrs John Hayman, of Wyck, Hampshire.

Mr M. J. Ridgway and Miss C. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Michael Ridgway, of Hampstead, and Christine Roberts, of Woolton.

Mr J. L. Smith and Miss A. A. Hailes
The engagement is announced between James, twin son of the late Mr and Mrs John Alexander Smith, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, and Amanda, daughter of Col and Mrs J. M. H. Hailes, of Chiselborough House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

Mr J. H. Walford and Miss C. A. Brain
The engagement is announced between Justin Hugh, only son of the late Mr R. G. Walford and of Mrs S. Walford, of Foxborough Cottage, North Road, Bath, and Caroline Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brain of 30 Wellington Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Marriages

Mr C. J. Gillett and Miss J. A. Holmes
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall of Mr Christopher Gillett, younger son of Sir Robin Gillett, Bt, and Lady Gillett, of Knightsbridge, SW7, and Miss Julia Holmes, younger daughter of the late Mr W. H. Holmes and of Mrs Holmes, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. The Rev Basil Watson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Dr Jonathan Harvey, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Anderson. Mr Simon Davies was best man.

A reception was held at Guildhall and the honeymoon will be spent in Venice.

Mr A. T. N. Warner and Miss S. V. Adderley
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering, North Yorkshire of Mr Alan Warner, youngest son of Sir Edward and Lady Warner, of Blockley, Gloucestershire, and Miss Susan Adderley, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Adderley, of Pickering. Canon G. Lawn and the Right Rev Richard Wimbush officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Robert Berry, Richard Lough, Gilbert Ramsay, Nicola Campbell, Amanda Gallagher, Lizzie Philips and Amelia Calvert. Mr David Lough was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

REAR ADMIRAL: G G W Marsh to be Deputy Controller Warship Equipment in June.
CAPTAINS: R Kirkby for duty on Staff of FO Portsmouth as CSO (A), June 15; M A C Moore as OIC NP2240 Jan 8; D L Rees, For Crse 64 at the NATO Defence Coll Rome, Feb 17; R D Sinclair, for duty with G M Devonport as D PLM (Subs), Feb 6.
COMMANDERS: R V Bennett for duty outside MOD with DNR as RCSO Scotland and Northern Ireland, June 29; B J Cawte, for duty with gen manr HM Dockyard Portsmouth as project Manr refits, Dec 13, 83; B R Coward REVENGE in Cmd, April 26; P J G Devonshire, RNH Plymouth as Support Cdr, May 22; R D Ferguson, for duty inside MOD Feb 20; P M Franklyn, DRYAD addl for MTC 65, March 5; C B Miller, for duty inside MOD with DN MANS as ADP Staff Offr, Feb 14; B R Olive for duty in MOD (PE) with DCWE/DGSW, Jan 4; J L Palmer, RNC Greenwich on Directing Staff of RN Staff Coll, Jan 10; P B Rover, for duty inside MOD with D NMT CG for Obsvr trng Study, Dec 14 83; B E Steed, for duty outside MOD with SAAS for briefing, Jan 12; R A Wilson to for loan service with Nigerian Navy at the Nigerian Command and Staff Coll, Feb 28.
CHAPLAINS: G J Betten, CTCRM Lympstone, May 8; J T Beech, ROYAL ARTHUR, April 6; E W Jones 3 Cdo Bde RM for duty with Cdo Log Regt, March 27; R Nurton, 45 Cdo Gp April 27.

Retirements
ROYAL NAVY
VICE ADMIRALS: Sir John Cox, Dec 16, 83; Sir James Kennon, Feb 24
CAPTAINS: R A Fogwill, Feb 26; A A Hensher, March 9; D B Woods, Feb 2.
COMMANDERS: R M Carpendale, March 10; J W Chapman, Feb 18; M F D Padwick, March 6.

WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE
CHIEF OFFICER: O V Thomas, March 17
ROYAL MARINES
C H C Howgill, Lt-Col for DRORM, to be Col, Dec 31.83; J R Hensham, Maj for MCDEC Quantico, to be Lt-Col, Dec 31.83; R A Hooper, Maj for BMATT Zimbabwe, to be Lt-Col, Dec 31.83; J R Blundell, Maj RM Eastney (Ph) addle for HQ TRSF RM, to be Lt-Col.

The Army

MAJOR-GENERAL: P A Inge, NE District as GOC and Comd 2 Inf Div, Jan 12.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES
The following officers will attend the 39th post-war course at RCDS, London, Jan 10-Dec 14:
Brigadiers: N C P Ansell, L F H Busk, R J Hodges, D M Naylor, R L Peck, J W F Rucker, I O J Sprackling.
Colonels: I S Baxter, D Shaw, F G Sugden.
BRIGADIERS: P G Brooking, HQ UKLF as ACOS, Jan 9; E D Cameron, HQ Scottish Div as Comd, Jan 9; I C Crawford, HQ BAOR as Dep Med Medicine, Jan 10; J A M Evans, Staff College Camberley as D Comdt, Jan 11.
COLONELS: R W Back, UK Delegation Conference on Disarmament in Europe as Mil Adv, Jan 11; A J Sammes, MOD as Col, Jan 9; D V Underwood, HQ DAED as Col, Jan 12.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J Cater RA, LSP Oman as CO 2 Fd Regt, Jan 15; C F Drewry WG, MOD as SO1, Jan 9; A de P Gauvain Cheshire, LSP Oman as MA to CDS, Jan 9; V A L Goodhew LG, Staff College Camberley as SO1 DS, Jan 9; T J Granville-Chapman RA, Staff College Camberley as SO1 DS, Jan 9; G de V W Hayes RGJ, Staff College Camberley as SO1 DS, Jan 11; H D Hudson RAOC, MOD as SO1, Jan 13; D L James REME, MOD as SO1, Jan 10; R G Jones RAEC, HQ 3 Armd Div as Comd Ed, Jan 10; C K Price 4/7 DG, Staff College Camberley as SO1 DS, Jan 9; J M March RA, MOD as SO1, Jan 13; F Roberts RAPC, RMCS as SO1, Jan 9; M L Wildman REME, Staff College Camberley as SO1, Jan 9

RETIREMENTS
Major-General D Houston CBE (late QLR), Jan 9; Colonel C M Brennan MC (late R IRISH), Jan 10

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORES (with acting rank of air-vice marshal): R I Stuart-Paul to HQRAFSC as Air Officer Training, Jan 7; B H Newton to RCDS, Senior Directing Staff (Air), Jan 10
AIR COMMODORES: J Marshall to RAF St Athan as Stn Cdr and Air Officer Wales, Jan 14; J A Bell to D of R (RAF) as Director, Jan 14; A L Roberts to MOD as Director of Air Staff Plans, Jan 14.
GROUP CAPTAINS: M J C W Dicken to HQ 1 Gp as SOA, Jan 3; M S Witherow to HQ RAFG as C Regt O, Jan 3; D J Malpass to Staff College Bracknell as DCST, Jan 3; R D Bales to HQ STC for staff duties, Jan 3; C E Evans, M J Graydon, J H Harris, T A MacIntyre, A J McCreery, C J Thomson, A A G Woodford, all to RCDS for 1984 course, Jan 10.
WING COMMANDERS (with acting rank of group captain): I K McKee to New Delhi as Air Adviser, Jan 15; R A Holman to HQ RAFSC as SPSO, Jan 3.
WING COMMANDERS: J D Skinner to MAN S(ORG), MOD(CVE), Jan 3; S G Fowler to RAF High Wycombe as Stn Cdr, Jan 9; N M Griffiths to MOD as SPO122 (RAF), Jan 3; P J Kesseler to RAF St Athan as OC Supply Wg, Jan 9; C Learmonth to Rudloe Manor as OC P&SS(SR), Jan 9; I Brackenbury to RAF Bruggen as OC Eng Wg, Jan 2; D M Allen to MOD(Air) as Sigs 61(Air), Jan 3; B C Kirby to HQSTC ME(WS), Jan 2; D C Read to HQ STC for staff duties, Dec 30 1983.
SQUADRON LEADERS (with acting rank of Wing Commander): I Ward Dutton to HQRAFSC GT4, Jan 3; D R Ainge to HQRAFSC Plans 3, Jan 3; P A G Leach to RAFSEE Henlow as SPMO, Jan 3; D Jenkins to RAF Uxbridge as OC Admin Wg, Jan 3; B Stock to HQRAFSC US2, Jan 3; R A Murray to HQ P & SS (UK) Rudloe Manor, Jan 3.
MEDICAL
WING COMMANDER: P L Hickey to RAF Brampton as SMO, Dec 29 1983.
HONORARY APPOINTMENT
AIR COMMODORE: F R Jones, Honorary Physician to the Queen, Dec 20 1983.

Girls' Public Day School Trust

Spring Term for the 24 schools of the Girls' Public Day School Trust will begin this week; half term will be in the week of February 20. Sutton High School will celebrate its hundredth birthday on January 17 with the opening of the new sports hall by Mr Neil Macfarlane, Minister for Sport, and a centenary thanksgiving service will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, March 21. Miss Jennifer Plowman and Mrs Judith Dawtrey will be taking up their appointments as Headmistress of Bromley and Portsmouth High Schools respectively. Mr Michael Oakley has taken up his appointment as secretary of the trust on the retirement of Mr Harry Evans.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

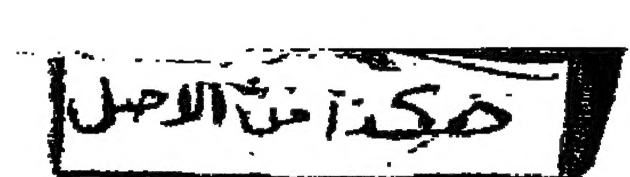
Lent Term begins today with 691 boys in the senior school and 273 at Lanesborough. David Pain continues as school captain. The concert will be on March 24 in Holy Trinity Church. The annual dinner of the Old Guildfordians' Association will be held in Great Hall on March 30.

St Francis' College

The Governors of St Francis' College, Letchworth, have appointed Mr David Ganderton, at present Deputy Head of Boston High School, to be headmaster from the beginning of the Spring Term which begins on January 11. Mrs Janise Frith, currently acting head, has been appointment deputy head. Mrs Lynda Lazzerini also takes up her appointment as head of mathematics.

Wilson's School

Lent Term begins today and ends on April 13. D. Maclean remains school captain. The captain of football is A. Mair and the captain of swimming is D. Somerton. The annual school concert will be held on Wednesday, April 11.



THE ARTS

Opera: **John Higgins** introduces *Where the Wild Things Are*, which opens at the Lyttelton today

A chance to show that new is nice

It is not often that the HOUSE FULL signs are held at the ready for a new opera. But such is the case at the Lyttelton for today's opening of *Where the Wild Things Are*, composed by Oliver Knussen to a libretto by Maurice Sendak drawn from his book of the same name. Sendak has also provided the sets, whose shapes and colours will be familiar to anyone who has read *Wild Things* (Puffin, £1.75).

The 45-minute opera is being staged by Glyndebourne on their second visit to the Lyttelton, the first being with *Don Giovanni* in 1977. Plans are already well advanced for a second Knussen-Sendak collaboration, *Higglety Pigglety Pop*, which is expected to form a double bill with *Wild Things* on the Glyndebourne tour next autumn. Together they go into the Glyndebourne Festival proper at the end of the 1985 season.

There are two good reasons why *Wild Things* should have come to Glyndebourne. Personnel is one of them. The first, and unfinished, concert performance of the opera was given by the London Sinfonietta, whose chairman, George Christie, also happens to be chairman of Glyndebourne. Moreover, the administrator of Glyndebourne Touring Opera is Anthony Whitworth-Jones, who previously held the same position at the Sinfonietta. There is also the matter of Prokofiev's *The Love for Three Oranges*. It was on this opera that Maurice Sendak and Frank Corsaro, who stages *Wild Things* at the Lyttelton, first worked together at Glyndebourne.

Christie: The ideas for a Glyndebourne production of *Wild Things* certainly came together during the *Oranges* rehearsals in May 1982. We knew that other companies were interested in the Knussen-Sendak opera [the English National Opera was certainly one of them], so we tried to come up with the best package. This was a run of performances in London, then in the regions and finally at Glyndebourne itself. There will also be a video and a BBC television transmission.

Whitworth-Jones: There is also the choice of theatre. We didn't want *Wild Things* to go on in an opera house. But the Lyttelton, with 900 seats and a proscenium arch, looked ideal and Sir Peter Hall was very supportive. We learnt our lessons from *Don Giovanni* there, which was exceedingly difficult to conduct. Some of the problems have now been solved by placing the 48-piece London Sinfonietta both in front of and beneath the stage.

From the outside it looks as if *Wild Things*, which carries a popular reputation and with it the work of a highly accomplished illustrator/author, may be the answer to Glyndbourne's intermittent struggle to come up with a piece of new music that will please its patrons. Since Nicholas Maw's *The Rising of the Moon* in 1970 there has been nothing, and Harrison Birtwistle's promised *Orpheus* dropped out of sight and earshot long ago.

Christie: We have been fairly neglectful over contemporary music, but Anthony's arrival at Glyndebourne has brought in a breath of new air. It is, of course, one of the most difficult things in the world to create an audience for what is being written now, and it is even more difficult to create a *future* audience. But I think the exposure *Wild Things* will get, on tour and on television, may do quite a lot, and that's why we're placing the double bill at the close of the '85 Festival proper. We're certainly doing more to cultivate interest in the present than certain music colleges I could name.

Whitworth-Jones: It's important to stress that *Wild Things* is not a children's opera as such, although we're expecting a lot of children in the audience and we hope they'll enjoy it. It is rather a serious piece of contemporary music written to a famous children's fantasy. [Ravel's *L'Enfant et les sortilèges* could be a reasonable parallel.] *Higglety Pigglety Pop* will be much more of a singers' opera – there is after all only one major vocal role in *Wild Things*. The model for the set for *Higglety* has just arrived. It does help having the librettist doubling up as designer – Maurice Sendak must be the only one there is.

The LPO, for many years now the resident orchestra at the Glyndebourne Festival, may at first have looked somewhat askance at these new links with the London Sinfonietta, which will be playing at all the Knussen performances. (The Sinfonietta, it may be recalled, also provided most of the instrumentalists when Covent Garden premièred Henze's *We Come to the River* in 1976.)

Christie: The LPO gave the OK, but with the proviso that it shouldn't happen too often. And that of course we will observe; indeed the double bill in 1985 will be an addition to the normal Festival output.

● *The Times* and Glyndebourne Festival Opera will be offering a number of prizes for the best reviews of *Where the Wild Things Are* submitted by those under 18. Details will be given in the Lyttelton programme and were in the Saturday section of *The Times* on January 7.



George Christie (left) and Anthony Whitworth-Jones, with Wild Thing

Bastien and Bastienne

Strawberry Hill House

The wine, the canapés, the venue and the company were clearly every bit as important as the opera: that much, at least, had the mark of true authenticity in Kent Opera Chamber Group's performance on Friday of Mozart's pastoral singspiel *Bastien and Bastienne*.

The little one-act opera that had its première in Dr Mesmer's house in Vienna in 1768 was presented in Sir Horace Walpole's mock-gothic pile, Strawberry Hill House, Twickenham, built at much the same time, and seized upon by the Heritage Education Trust as a building ripe for multicultural educational purposes. For, lest it be thought that this occasion was a mere frivolity for the elite, Andrew Shore's production, in the fine tradition of Kent Opera's *Poppea* and *Agrippina*, is part of their Insight into Opera education programme and will be toured in the summer.

Authenticity extended to a small baroque orchestra, led stylishly from the harpsichord by Mark Tatlow. Great care was taken to keep fresh the fleeting emotion of each moment, to mould the prevailing temper of each short phrase, line and aria: a mustard-seed of a Constanze here, a miniature *Don Giovanni* storm there.

Such detail was picked up nicely in production: the drooping ivy overhanging Lady Waldegrave's huge fireplace, the real musette for the drone music, Bastien's mock death-bid from a set of library steps. The gentle send-up of the eighteenth-century town-country theme, with its little affectations (Walpole himself affected the name of Celadon as a schoolboy), was focused nicely in Roger Bryson's bluff, self-congratulatory Scots Colas.

Patricia Rozario was as lush and sensual a Bastienne as one could wish for; compared with her warmly elegant singing, her act was, perhaps, together with some of the English dialogue, just a little overdone. Mark Tucker, though, as Bastien, found physical and vocal grace within a shrewd sense of stylistic scale.

Hilary Finch

Pop music

Prefab Sprout

ICA

This year the ICA's excellent and well-established Rock Week event went under the banner "Big Brother Is Watching You". He certainly got value for his money.

In the past this showcase has uncovered such talents as Haircut 100 and the Thompson Twins. In the race for 1984 placings the bands on offer ranged from the specialities of groups on the Kitchenware label to the punkier social commentaries of Billy Bragg and the Redskins through to the experimental machine mayhem caused by West Germany's Einsturzende Neubaten. Indeed, it was Neubaten who stole the thunder with a midweek performance of two pieces for assorted voices and plant-hire equipment. Neubaten's utilitarian industrial technology in place of conventional instruments has its roots in the Cologne Radio school of theoretical anarchy, but the reactions the sound demands are straightforward enough.

A chain-saw, pneumatic power-drills and welding gear are amplified at sonic intensity as they dismantle a piano. The effects are treated and expanded upon by backing tapes, voices that emerge from the smoke, even flashes of guitar. The sound is discordant and apparently haphazard but after a while the machines build their own rhythm. Melodies are approximated by other means, the smell of flashing metal adding to the confusion.

Prefab Sprout, from Newcastle, are an airy four-piece with a penchant for scat and jazz and a reputation fostered by the pop press that does them a disservice. The singer and writer Paddy McAloon has an imagination which his band cannot realize. The Sprouts are momentarily pleasant but their Gershwin references never fulfilled their promise, the rhythms were never fascinating and the changes from major to minor barely passed muster.

Prefab Sprout have made themselves better understood on record. They will need to brush up their timing if they are to impress Big Brother in the months to come.

Max Bell

Concert

Textural command

Alan Gravill

Wigmore Hall

Alan Gravill is nearly a very interesting pianist. His recital on Friday leapt from the heights of pianistic virtuosity in the Bach-Busoni Chaconne to the most subtle of pianistic colours in Book 1 of Debussy's *Preludes*, with Beethoven's Sonata Op 31 No 2 in between, and he was always equal to the technical challenges of the music.

He commands an enviably wide range of textures, and the sequence of Debussy pieces found him with vivid characterizations of the desolate snow, the submerged cathedral and the wits of serenades and minstrels.

Perhaps his involvement with the textural possibilities of the music inhibited a larger perspective, but even in the very short-breathed phrases of these Debussy miniatures there was sometimes a lack of sustained argument, of slowing forward-moving pulse.

The cathedral was glimpsed through static waters; the desolate snowscape did not become urgent and animated in the brief couple of bars where the composer indicated; yet that moment of contrast is vital if the tender regret of the following phrase is to strike home.

In the magnificent seventh prelude, however, there was a sense of powerful impetus and conviction; elsewhere Gravill tended to soften the edges of the music – there must be some feeling of staccato detachment even under the slurs of the first prelude, and a more cutting edge to the brighter pieces.

The same admirable qualities of poised and balanced pianism dominated the Beethoven sonata but here everything was just too neat: the finale's arpeggios rippled happily like Debussy, without an undercurrent of tension.

Nicholas Kenyon

● New Sadler's Wells Opera's second season, from Janury 25 to March 10, includes new productions of Flotow's *Martha* and *The Gondoliers* by Gilbert and Sullivan. Kalman's *Countess Maritza*, a popular success last season, is also revived.

E. J. Craddock's Publishing column will appear next week

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Paul Griffiths

Television

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[illegible]piety and the passion", [illegible]adio Times, announcing [illegible]pportunity to impale [illegible]es on the five-part [illegible]ation of Colleen McCul[illegible] The Thorn Birds on [illegible] Piety may come but the [illegible]ng mood in last night's [illegible]stalment was of lingering [illegible]

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For the present, we are in the hands of the screenwriter Carmen Culver, the director Daryl Duke and the producers David L. Wolper and Stan Margulies. They were in the grip of a $21m budget, big enough to turn California into Australia let alone gold into dross. I did not think it augured well for success that the shots of kangaroos always showed them bolting.

With human beings they were determined to get their money's-worth out of every emotion, which, you can take it here, means the seven deadly sins. As the widow Carson, Barbara Stanwyck embodied about six – I reckoned she did not look slothful.

Miss Stanwyck, whom Hollywood preserve, has always been an actress whose taut presence rebuffs the widespread availability of those therapies which enable us to relax. "You're the stuff cardinals are made of", she husks at Ralph, making it even more difficult for him to find his Irish accent, "and you would look magnificent in red."

She means bed, not red. When he gets wet through on the range and, poor inept cleric that he is, strips to the buff on her front porch, she is watching, comes out for a maul and tells him "You are the most beautiful man I have ever seen, Ralph de Bricassart" – even in a moment of complete abandon tripping the raunchy name off her tongue. I think Mr Chamberlain really agreed.

Jean Simmonds, Mrs Carson's sister-in-law, was pretty taut, too. She may open up later. Her husband, Richard Kiley, put out the best performance in this lather of soap. Rachel Ward, who will penetrate Ralph's inadequate armour, made a late appearance, stunned him but left me unmoved. Maybe I need a hot summer in the outback.

But what will this over-masticated piece of gum do for the BBC's ratings? Instalment two is opposite Granada's *The Jewel in the Crown*. No contest, I would have thought, but maybe the BBC has come to think, as I believe H. L. Mencken observed, that no one ever lost a fortune by underestimating public taste.

Dennis Hackett

Dance

Taming of the S[illegible]

Sadler's Wells

Sleeping Beauty

Covent Garden

What a difference a ch[illegible] cast can make. Stephen J[illegible] came from Covent Gar[illegible] Sadler's Wells on Friday [illegible] Petruchio and, with N[illegible] Tait as a notably spirited [illegible] the whole production [illegible] with an excitement it has [illegible] recently.

Friedrich Letin's prese[illegible] conductor, on loan from [illegible]gart, was also a great asse[illegible] has known Cranko's ballet [illegible] its creation and provides [illegible] liveliest possible advocacy [illegible] the bustling though uninsp[illegible] score which Kurt-Heinz St[illegible] made from pieces by Scarlat[illegible]

The subject of The Tamin[illegible] the Shrew is potentially [illegible] offensive to many people to[illegible]needs all the help it can [illegible]resentation. On this occa[illegible] the cast generally was a [illegible]one, although Roland [illegible]ally needs to bring his [illegible]ng skills nearer to the [illegible] his solo dancing if he is [illegible] roles like Lucentio. [illegible] other suitors, however, [illegible] Wicks as Gremio and [illegible] Dubreuil as Hortensio, [illegible]e most of every comic [illegible], while June Highwood [illegible]aira Saidi found warmth [illegible]s fun in the wives they [illegible]ally acquire in Cranko's [illegible] of the plot.

[illegible]he same, prime credit [illegible] to Tait and Jefferies: [illegible] them tremendously [illegible]ited, playing off each [illegible] strokes with great élan, [illegible]owing an underlying [illegible]y, even sensitivity, to [illegible]rough even the most [illegible]us behaviour of the [illegible]ed characters.

[illegible] Saturday's Sleeping [illegible] at Covent Garden, by [illegible] the vivacity was [illegible]al from a cast led by Marguerite Porter's Aurora: coy in her acting, sometimes skimpy in her dancing. Jay Jolley will perhaps make more of Florimund when he adjusts to the slower pace at which the character develops in the Royal Ballet's traditional production than in Nureyev's version for Festival Ballet.

John Percival

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Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 30. Dealings End, Jan 13. § Contango Day, Jan 16. Settlement Day, Jan 23.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Buoyant Asda ready for a wry smile

Foods, [illegible]ronics and leisure are the m[illegible] company sectors from whi[illegible] profits figures are expected [illegible] week. Associated Dairies, [illegible] heavily criticized for its unp[illegible]table moves in the late 1970s [illegible]nto furniture and carpets, w[illegible] smile wryly tomorrow whe[illegible] bumper interim profits a[illegible] expected, with a worthwhil[illegible] contribution coming from [illegible]e furniture and carpet div[illegible]ns.

Mr N[illegible] Stockdale, chairman, has [illegible]n steadily building a cash hill [illegible]timated to be over £65m, an[illegible] reflecting the sharp profits g[illegible]th and dynamic expansion [illegible]f the Leeds-based group. T[illegible] shares reached a record hi[illegible] on Friday of 165p, yielding [illegible] per cent, a safe distance [illegible]ay from last year's low of 10[illegible]

Aound £47m pre-tax is expected [illegible] the six months to the end [illegible] October, up from £33m the [illegible]ear before. Analysts admit bei[illegible] too cautious about Asda's gr[illegible]wth path, even as recently a[illegible] last summer, and are far more [illegible]peful about the full-year res[illegible] when £100m is expected compared with £77.4m la[illegible] year, itself a record.

Asda [illegible] been growing by about 20 per cent a year for five years and that respectabe figure is expected to rise to 25 per cent a year over the next five.

The new superstores enjoyed a record Christmas. Food processing has benefited from additional throughput and increased afficiency following a big invstment programme.

New senior management have played a large part in helping to reshape Asda's once-stodgy image by improving the marketing and merchandising policies.

Elsewhere, productivity has improved while the sales line mix has been altered to bring it more in line with the upmarket Sainsbury and Marks & Spencer range.

Another well-known company, the image of which has been one of great potential but with little of it being realized is **Thorn EMI**.

EMI was once one of the leading record companies in Britain, but that was a position it lost quickly, having decided not to be involved in the more outlandish developments in the pop world during the 1970s. Nevertheless, its portfolio and library are proving of value in the video boom. EMI has not emerged in the revitalized film industry as a production company but plans to.

The main thrust of the combined group's earnings growth expected over the next few years is arising from its strong postion in video rentals and software.

Thorn group reports its interim profits on Friday, when an increase from £27.6m to £48m is expected with the full year to March coming in at about £160m compared with 1983's £122m.

The shares, similarly, are riding on the back of the expected profits turnround and at 670p were at a record, yielding an unremarkable 3.2 per cent.

Athough TV rental is thought to be levelling out the demand for portable colour televisions is expected to compensate somewhat.

Video rentals have continued performing strongly as the rental charges have fallen. Thorn is expected to have around 900,000 recorders on hire by the financial year-end, producing some £385m in revenue.

The improvement in the house-building sector has proved a great fillip to allied trades, particularly the beleaguered timber companies. Reflecting the sector's overall improvement, **Magnet & Southern** *is expected to announce* a further sharp interim profits improvement on Wednesday.

Analsysts forecast pre-tax profits of about £18m against last year's £12m. The full year is projected at about £36m, against £24.6m the year before.

Wayne Lintott

ECONOMIC VIEW

Dollar to take limelight

The course of the dollar on foreign exchange markets and the UK money supply figures, out tomorrow, are likely to preoccupy economy-watchers this week. The dollar showed no sign of running out of steam at the end of last week, but *dealers* expect some check in its headlong ascent within the next few days.

However, the US currency's strength has dashed hopes of a cut in interest rates on this side of the Atlantic for the time being and poor money figures for December may reinforce this.

Though most analysts are predicting a rise in the main money measure – sterling M3 – of between ¾ and 1 per cent, which would keep the money supply just within the 11 per cent upper bound of the official *target range*, *some now expect* a bigger increase. A rapid rise in bank lending and low gilt-edged sales last month are the main factors expected to push up money growth.

Some indication of the trends in inflation over the next few months will come from the producer-price indices for December, published on Wednesday, while tomorrow's final figures for retail sales in November are likely to confirm the provisional estimates of buoyant business in the shops.

Other indicators this week include November housing starts and completions, released today, the provisional vehicle production figres for December and credit business (tomorrow), November advance energy statistics (Wednesday) and the buiding societies' finances in December (Friday).

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Keeping over-the-counter deals under control

Fringe share markets – nothing more than share bazaars in the eyes of City purists – have grown at a staggering pace in the past year. The 90 companies traded on the 10 or so over-the-counter markets have a collective capitalization of £350m.

OTC dealings last month could have topped the £10m mark. In December 1982, they were a mere £600,000.

And the boom shows no signs of petering out. Fuelled by the current investment euphoria and the Government's Business Expansion Scheme, the licensed dealers feel they are about to reap a rich investment harvest under the nose, but not control, of the Stock Exchange.

In any stock market surge, the good, the bad and the indifferent benefit to varying degrees. So in the present investment climate the OTC cannot fail to score. But they have been given a Government bonus, in the shape of the Business Expansion Scheme. Some quirk of Whitehall thinking excluded the Stock Exchange, and even its second string Unlisted Securities Market, from the tax benefits of the BES.

So the largely ungoverned OTC markets have a special advantage in doling out the benefits among their clients. Under the scheme the cost of a £10,000 investment for a top slice taxpayer, for example, can be reduced to £4,000 if the shares are held for at least five years.

There are influential Stock Exchange voices suggesting that their third string and largely neglected market which deals in unquoted shares under rule 163 should be utilized for BES cash. But so far this possibility has not been put, at least in serious terms, to the Inland Revenue which has to approve all BES exercises.

Licensed dealers, like Granville and Company and Harvard Securities, are now setting the pace on the fringe. But their growth outside the Stock Exchange and the indifferent safeguards offered, seem to be tempting fate.

Even within the trade it is generally acknowledged that the present regulatory requirements leave the door open to abuse and, sooner or later, there is going to be the sort of scandal all involved could do without.

Of the current crop of prominent OTC market makers, Granville and Company (formerly M. J. H. Nightingale) is the grandfather and Harvard Securities, which has had many a brush with the Stock Exchange, the fastest growing.

The two represent opposing views about the OTC markets. Granville sees itself as a rival to the Stock Exchange and will not recruit a company which is not deep into profits (or potential profits). Harvard and many others look upon themselves as nurseries for young companies being prepared for full stock market or USM listings.

Just to confuse the issue, OTC groups conduct different market operations. Some are content with matched bargains and adopt almost a protective approach to the company listed; others take positions in the shares on their markets. Many are prepared to see their stocks traded on other OTC markets while others insist that their markets are exclusive areas.

the haphazard OTC boom has created worries about the lack of strict supervision and the obvious free-for-all atmosphere that an unconnected collection of markets, operating in different ways, can create.

Conscious of this criticism and yearning for utmost respectability, the OTC men are striving to present an ordered house to the outside world. Many dealers proudly proclaim that their conduct is in accord with Stock Market requirements. Despite evidence of regulatory moves, the outside world deserves something rather more definite.

Already some licensed dealers are talking with stockbrokers about possible merges. Clearly the Stock Exchange Council cannot ignore the share ferment on its doorstep and the most obvious solution would suggest some sort of control, if indirect, from the Stock Exchange Tower particularly bearing in mind the changes that are now under way in the markets.

Encouraging signs from Lagos

There is encouragement for the financial community in the news that Nigeria's rulers are intent on pressing ahead with negotiations for a loan from the International Monetary Fund and on refinancing the $3 billion to $4.5 billion of overdue trade debts. Indeed the early indications from Lagos are that Major-General Mohammed Buhari's regime may be readier, and perhaps more able, to take unpopular measures such as devaluing the naira, one of the main areas of contention in the country's earlier talks with the IMF.

The timetable set before the military takeover for negotiations is being adhered to with a Nigerian team due to meet representatives in Washington next Monday before coming to Britain for talks with the Export Credits Guarantee Department. The share of overdue payments for British exports which the ECGD has insured is put at $850m to $1.1 billion (£600m to £800m) and the Nigerian proposals made before Christmas are for this to be refinanced over six years with a two-and-a-half year grace period. The ECGD is fairly happy with the proposals, although it is insisting that any deal must depend on Nigeria making progress in IMF negotiations and must also include other creditor countries.

Less happy, though, are a number of British companies with uninsured payments owing from Nigerian buyers. The sums involved are hard to estimate but could range towards $500m. The proposals are similar to those for the EGCD but companies would end up swapping trade debts from Nigerian customers for promissory notes backed by the Nigerian central bank paying interest at 1 per cent over London interbank rate from the start of this year.

It may well be unrealistic to expect the repayment terms over six years to be bettered, given Nigeria's acute shortage of foreign currency and economic problems. But the proposals on interest, and lack of any backdated interest before January 1, have not been well received by some exporters. Not least, they argue, because some of these debts have been paid by Nigerian customers in local currency, they have been earning interest in the local banking system, but were not remitted because of hard currency shortage.

Nigerias problems have caused severe difficulties particularly for smaller exporters. Although the bulk of the trade debts are 12 to 18 months overdue some stretch back as far as two to three years. It is hard to be optimistic that the companies concerned will be able to achieve any satisfaction on this front but perhaps the first step would be to form some kind of united negotiating body if they are not simply to be swept along in a settlement.

Forecasters say g[illegible] will not halt joble[illegible]

By Frances Williams, Economics Corr[illegible]

The British economy is expected to grow by just over 2 per cent this year, slightly faster than last year, as higher exports take over from consumer spending as the chief stimulus to output, according to Cambridge Econometrics, the independent forecasting group.

But this will not be enough to halt the rise in unemployment, and the number of jobless will increase to more than four million by the end of the decade as growth slows in 1985 and 1986, the group says.

CE's latest forecasts are, however, rather more optimistic than previously. The group, the commercial arm of Cambridge University's Growth Project, expects world economic recovery and improved industrial competitiveness to boost exports by 4 per cent this year, in line with Treasury forecasts.

And it has revised up its estimate for growth of consumer spending, though this is still only half the 2½ per cent increase the Treasury expects.

Most private forecasters are predicting that the economy will grow by 2 to 3 per cent this year, with the Treasury at the upper end of the range.

Part of the discrepancy arises because of the unusual gap that has opened between the three measures of gross domestic product. The output measure – the one used by Cambridge Econometrics and most other private forecasters – has risen far more slowly over the past couple of years than the income and expenditure measures, which the Treasury uses to compile its average estimate. So forecasters using the output measure are mostly predicting lower growth.

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Neverthele[illegible] outside fo[illegible] growth to fad[illegible] of this year, [illegible] ment hopes th[illegible] will fall.

A sober note [illegible] the chief econ[illegible] Band. Writing [illegible] issue of the [illegible] *Bulletin*, Mr C[illegible] ment, group ec[illegible] says official su[illegible] sharp upswing i[illegible] [illegible]stment this year may be too [illegible]mistic.

[illegible]e expects investment to rise [illegible] more than 2 or 3 per cent [illegible] year and next, after falling [illegible]more than a third since 1979, [illegible]pared with the 9 per cent [illegible] suggested by the latest [illegible]al investment intentions [illegible]y for 1984.

[illegible]r Johnson says that the [illegible]very in investment, on [illegible]h the Treasury is relying to [illegible] stimulate growth, is likely [illegible] weak because the pick-up [illegible]anufacturing output has [illegible] feeble.

[illegible] The majority of business[illegible] are more optimistic about [illegible]pects for the economy than [illegible] were six months ago, the [illegible]ute of Directors said [illegible]rday. Of 200 industry [illegible]s questioned, 55 per cent [illegible] they were more optimistic, [illegible]2 per cent about the same.

Maxwell plans London p[illegible]

By Jonathan Clare

Mr Robert Maxwell, the ambitious chairman of the British Printing and Communications Corporation, confirmed yesterday that he intends to start a London evening newspaper this year.

He said: "I can confirm that it is true but it is not something I have sought to publicize." The news is believed to have been leaked by trade unionists who were told about plans to print a new plant on the Isle of Dogs.

The newspaper is expected to have a strong financial slant and will be designed to appeal to readers in the City of London rather than the suburbs. It would concentrate on covering London as a financial centre.

The target circulation is likely to be about 250,000 against about 600,000 for London's sole remaining evening newspaper, *The Standard*.

Robert Maxwell: 250,000 circulation target

Mr Maxwell already published *Financial* [illegible] he rescued nearl[illegible] in conjunction [illegible] after Fleet Hold[illegible] close it. He [illegible] *Banking World*, [illegible] of Banking. Mr [illegible] former TV-am [illegible] editor-in-chief.

It has been a[illegible] that Mr Maxwell [illegible] big circulation [illegible] has contracts wi[illegible] proprietors for p[illegible] colour suppleme[illegible] IPC's women's m[illegible]

However, he h[illegible] ing a running bat[illegible] '82, the print unio[illegible] affected one of [illegible] contracts, the pri[illegible] *Radio Times*, wi[illegible] million copies lost.

[illegible] Maynards [illegible] forecast [illegible]ces attack

By Our Financial Staff

[illegible] Lewis Cartier is expected [illegible]ake a strong riposte today [illegible]e defence document put [illegible]by Maynards against his [illegible] part bid for the toy and [illegible] company.

[illegible]e first closing date for Mr [illegible]er's offer is Thursday, [illegible]h acceptances are likely to [illegible]w with Maynards' mainly [illegible]tional shareholders [illegible]ing further developments.

[illegible]sterday Mr Cartier said he [illegible]disappointed with the level [illegible]ofits that Maynards had [illegible]ast for its Zodiac toy [illegible]on. "We had expected [illegible]" he said. Instead Maynards has forecast that profits [illegible]fall from £844,000 to [illegible]000 largely because of [illegible] property costs and the [illegible]se of television advertis[illegible]

[illegible] Cartier only wants Maynards for its chain of 72 [illegible]ops, which he would like [illegible]uild into the first big [illegible]al chain. Whatever the [illegible]me of the bid, Zodiac is [illegible] to have six more shops [illegible]ing before the end of the [illegible]

[illegible] British toy market is [illegible] £700m but is highly [illegible]ented with about half the [illegible] in independent hands [illegible] rest concentrated [illegible] the department stores [illegible]permarkets.

Opec share of oil trade threatened

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The Organization of petroleum exporting countries, which a month ago fought off members demands to raise output above the 17.5 million barrels-a-day quota agreement, faces the prospect of its share of the world oil market dropping to below 16.5 million barrels a day.

The Opec market monitoring committee meets in Vienna on February 10 – a meeting originally scheduled in the hope that the severe American winter would increase oil demands and that Opec would be able to meet the requests of Iran, Iraq, Nigeria and Venezuela to allow them to boost output.

However, the committee led by Venezuelan will be faced with falling demands and refinery stock at record levels.

New figures from the International Energy Agency suggest that Opec output in the first three months of this year could fall to 16 million barrels a day with customer demands still being met.

The Vienna meeting is expected to concentrate on maintaining the marker price at $29.50, a level close to that in the spot market and the marker prices set by the big non-Opec producers, Russia, Britain and Mexico.

A price cut by some Opec members to increase sales and foreign earnings had been expected by some oil traders. But Opec has so far been remarkably united.

The latest IEA statistics show that oil consumption in the non-communist industrialized world was 0.6 per cent higher in the last quarter of last year compared with the same period of 1982. The increase followed a rise of 0.8 per cent in consumption in the third quarter and was the second quarterly increase following four years of decline.

Oil consumption in North America rose by 3.3 per cent in the fourth quarter, reflecting strong economic recovery in the United States, and a 1.4 per cent rise was recorded in the Pacific area. In contrast European oil consumption was 3.1 per cent below that of a year ago.

Portugal eases bank[illegible]

From Our Correspondent, Lisbon

Private enterprise was given the go-ahead last week, to participate in the state-controlled Portuguese banking and insurance industries after nearly nine years of exclusion brought about by the revolution following the army coup in 1974.

After a wave of nationalizations in 1975, the Portuguese financial market became the preserve of 10 state-owned national banks and three foreign companies.

Despite their common ownership the banks an[illegible] companies do com[illegible]

The government [illegible] open up the sector [illegible] lated early in Nov[illegible] despite fierce oppo[illegible] final regulating legi[illegible] proved last week esta[illegible] rules under which [illegible] companies can now c[illegible] the market.

Under the new la[illegible] companies are guaran[illegible] same conditions ava[illegible] the Portuguese.

Call to ease pension law

Britain's largest pensions office has called on the Government to liberalize the tax rules involving additional pensions contributions.

Legal & General welcomed Whitehall's decision to legislate against the unfairness of the pensions treatment of people who change their jobs.

Mr John Craddock, the pensions director, commenting on his company's submission to the Department of Health and Social Security in response to a consultative document on occupational pension rights, said the decision to legislate would end a period of uncertainty.

STOCK EXCHANGES

CHANGE ON WEEK
FT Index: 794.3 up 18.6
FT Gilts: 83.54 up 0.42
FT All Share: 483.63 up 13.13
Bargains: 20,856 p 3,842
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 101.35 up 3.46
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: 1286.64 up 27.09

CURRENCIES

LONDON
CHANGE ON WEEK
Sterling
$1.4070 down 4.5 cents
Index 81.7 down 1.2
DM 3.9550 unchanged
FrF 12.0575 down 0.0125
Yen 327.50 down 9
Dollar
Index 131.3 unchanged
DM 2.8085 up 0.0115
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4057 down 4.58 cents
Dollar DM 2.8192 up 0.0962

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – **Interims:** Brown and Tawse, Carclo Engineering group, Murray Northern Investment Trust, Pennine Resources and FH Tomkins. **Final:** AG Barr, Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust, London Scottish Finance Corpn, and Richards.
TOMORROW – **Interims:** Associated Dairies Group, Hales Properties Group, Hogg Robinson and Munton Brothers. **Finals:** Investors Capital Trust.
WEDNESDAY – **Interims:** Bespak, Ellis and Everard, Magnet and Southerns and United Packaging. **Finals:** Abbey Panels Investments, Bluemel Bros and Pyke Holdings.
THURSDAY – **Interims:** Fitch Lovell, Samuel Heath and Sons, Jones Stroud, Multitone Electronics, PH Industrials, Stead and Simpson, and Symonds Engineering. **Final:** Associated Newspaper Group, Daily Mail and General Trust, Thomas French and Sons, Kenning Motor Group and Muirhead.
FRIDAY – **Interims:** Peter Black Holdings, Thorn EMI and Henry Wigfall and Son. **Finals:** Dewhurst and Partner and Kennings Estates.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Argentina inflation at 433%

The cost of living in Argentina rose 17.7 per cent during December, bringing the country's 1983 inflation rate to a record 433.7 per cent. This gives Argentina the highest inflation rate in the world for the third year running.

Its previous record inflation during one year – 348 per cent – was set in 1976.

● **Saudi Arabia** devalued the riyal to 3.51 from 3.50 to the US Dollar yesterday. It was the second devaluation in two weeks. Dealers said it had been expected because of the recent sharp rise of the dollar

● **Brazil's central bank** president Senhor Alfonso Celso Pastore has reaffirmed that Brazil will sign a $6.5 billion loan package with commercial banks on January 16. He told a press conference in New York that $6.35 billion had formally been committed by late Friday and the remaining $150m had been verbally promised.

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank 9$^{7}/_{16}$-9$^{3}/_{8}$
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9$^{13}/_{16}$-9$^{11}/_{16}$
3 month DM 6-5⅞
3 month Fr F 13⅝-13⅛
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9⅝
Treasury long bond 101$^{3}/_{32}$-101$^{5}/_{32}$

Britain falls further in world competitiveness

By Our Financial Staff

Britain ranks a poor 14th out of the world's 22 most advanced countries in terms of industrial competitiveness, it was reported over the weekend.

But its prospects, as judged by 1,000 senior managers worldwide, are improving fast, reports the European Management Forum (EMF).

Mr Tom Ranschenbech, EMF director and author of the report, said: "Britain's performance has been disappointing for four years, and was this year slightly more so, as it moved from 13th to 14th position. The one consolation is that you are in front of France, which had a faster growing economy in he 1970s".

Geneva-based EMF, a non-profit making foundation, makes its comarisons on 284 criteria, 227 of which are 1982 statistics published by organizations like the United Nations, World Bank and the IMF. Britain did worst of all, in 10 overall categories, in "dynamism of the economy".

It scored badly on "socio-political consensus and stability", but even worse on "financial dynamism" (which looked at the availability of capital and strenght of the corporate sector), and "dynamics of the market" (which judged marketing skills, market size and sophistication).

Sales abroad jump 48 per cent

Record exports for Hongkong

By John Lawless

Hongkong's trade boom has reached record-breaking proportions, with HK$10 billion (£885m) worth of its goods being sold abroad in one month for the first time.

The HK$10.48 billion in October, the latest month for which there are figures, was up 48 per cent on the same month a year before. There have been substantial increases in each month since May. Re-exports, mainly of Chinese products sold in world markets, were 58 per cent higher at HK$5.72 billion.

"This rate of increase is the highest for several years," a Hongkong trade official said yesterday. "There was a surge in imports as well, with overseas purchases in the month reaching HK$17.62 billion, an increase of 44 per cent."

A record number of British exporters visited the colony last year. It received more government-financed trade missions than any other market. But British trade figures for the same 10 months show a growing inbalance between the two countries.

Imports from Hongkong during the period rose by 37.4 per cent, to £1,019m, which was more than 1½ times the sales rise achieved by the colony worldwide. Even worse, British sales fell 4.4 per cent to £591.6m.

However, Department of Trade and Industry fears about this severe reversal of fortunes, at a time when Hongkong was displaying its traditional ability to be last in and first out of recession, was calmed by an analysis which showed up serious distortions.

In the first two months of last year alone, Hongkong shipped more than £200m worth of gold bullion to Britain, which accounts for the bulk of the import rise.

At the same time, British exports in March 1982 were found to have been inflated by the sale of a British Airways 747 freighter to Cathay Pacific, worth about £19m the annual drop in exports.

British sales in 1982 had also been buoyed by shipments from GEC for its £500m Castle Peak power station contract.

A big British sales drive in consumer and industrial equipment is being planned for later this year.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK — USM REVIEW

Success is simple at Welpac

The simplest ideas are usually the best. Ask Mr Gerald Lavender who stumbled upon the idea of prepacked do-it-yourself and electrical products on a trip to the United States over 20 years ago.

He saw this as another outlet for the products of Welbeck, the steel stockholder, in which he owns a 40 per cent stake. So he decided to form his own private company, Welpac, to sell the High Street ironmongers prepacked nails, screws and brasware kits for the amateur DIY enthusiast.

But the recent boom in DIY has turned the prepacked business into a money spinner, and following a reverse takeover of the old mining company, Kafue Development, Welpac has now secured a quote on the Unlisted Securities Market. Dealings are due to start later today.

Broker Le Mare, Martin, is placing 5 million 10p shares at par equivalent to just over 27 per cent of the total equity. At this level the group is valued at £1.8m. Mr Lavender will continue to own over 50 per cent of the shares and has no intention of reducing his stake. The group's biggest other shareholder is the Amro Bank, one of Holland's biggest banks, with 25 per cent of the shares.

This is Le Mare, Martin's fifth excursion into the USM with an issue at par and is expected to open with a healthy premium in first time dealings. Dealers are looking for an opening price of about 15p.

The proceeds from the placing amounting to £500,000 will go to paying off a £480,000 loan from Welbeck with the remainder used to help finance expansion plans. Over 35 per cent of Welpac's sales, 1,400 different lines, are to the big multiple retailers including Texas Homecare, B & Q Retail, Harrods, Selfridges, John Lewis and J Sainsbury.

Mr Lavender hopes to expand this figure to nearer 50 per cent over the next couple of years helped by increased reliance on computer-controlled sales systems and stock control.

In the past five years turnover has more than doubled to £4.2m and last year Welpac reported pretax profits of £140,000. In the eight months of the current year to September 30, the group made £175,000 and has forecast £250,000 for the year as a whole where the estimated PE on a tax charge of 32 per cent is 7.06.

No dividend is being paid in the current year owing to the losses incurred by Kafue. Had the cash been available the board would have proposed a dividend of 0.28p gross where the shares would have yielded a notional 2.85 per cent.

[…]s of Wiltshire brewer […] Mew made an uneventful […] to dealings on the USM […] transferring across from […] 163 (2) last week, so […] the first company to […] a USM quote in 1984. […]ares opened at 250p and […]some profit taking ended […]week at 235p. Broker […]aster & Moore which […]ored the transfer is looking […]or pre-tax profits of […]00 in the current year […] by a return to profits of […] Porter, the Bulldog beers […]iary.

[…]ails are expected later this […] of a placing of shares in […] Kent, the London mens[…] retailer. Broker Strauss […]ull and financial consult[…]nited Trust & Credit, the […] that bought Gable House […]rties to the USM last year, […]lanning to place 7 million […] in the company. John […] operates from 29 retail […]s based mainly within […]on and the home counties […]aters for men's fashions in […] to 40 age group.

[…]s is also anticipated this […] a placing of shares in […] Pollen, the public […]ons consultant, which […] to follow the example set […] local rival Good Relations. […] year Good Relations […]ded it had served its […]renticeship onpthe USM by […]uating to a full listing following an acquisition and strong growth in profits.

Valin Pollen has asked broker James Capel to handle the issue, despite the rows following Capel's last USM new issue, Synterials, which turned out to be a flop. VP refused to release details of its flotation last week, but will be meeting with its advisers later today.

Kennedy Brookes, the Mario & Franco and Wheeler's restaurant chain, enjoyed a burst of renewed support last week closing on Friday at 233p. Hopes are high that next account the group will announce its intention of applying for a full listing after several months of speculation.

Pretax profits of Kennedy Brookes have grown from £129,000 to £565,000 and the share price more than doubled in the two years since it transferred across from Rule 163 (2). It will bring to 18 the number of companies which have graduated to a full listing in the three years the USM has been in operation.

Fashion designer, The French Connection, had its best week since going public back in November with a placing of 1.6 million shares by broker Grieveson Grant. The shares closed on Friday at 168p – a rise on the week of 20p.

Michael Clark

Unlisted Securities

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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1,406,000	Willaire Syst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
14.4m	Wingate Prop	110	+4	0.7	0.6	32.4
9,600,000	Woodchester Inv	170	..	5.6b	3.3	18.3
4,303,000	Yelverton Inv	53	-1	..	..	85.5
4,900,000	Yorkgreen Inv	28	..	2.0b	7.1	10.6
610,000	York Mount	61	..	7.1	11.7	6.5
4,292,000	Zygal Dynamics	116	..	1.1n	0.9	18.1

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

STRAIGHT DEBT	Price	YTM
Ford 10⅞ 1984	101.00	6.726
C.B.I.C. 14¼% 1984	102.0	4.855
Wells Fargo 15½% 1984	102.0	8.742
Continental Illinois 15¾% 1984 (EW)	103.00	9.364
G.M.A.C. 15⅝% 1984	104.375	10.25
G.M.A.C. 15¾% 1985	105.375	10.25
Elf Aquitaine 8¾% 1985	97.00	10.81
J.C. Penny 13⅞% 1985	102.63	11.10
I.M.B. World Trade 14⅜% 1985	104.60	11.31
A.R.D.B. 13% 1986	103.00	11.32
Mobile Expl. 13⅞% 1986	105.25	11.16
Citicorp 10% 1985	98.50	10.65
Southern California Edison 16⅞% 1986	106.00	14.00
R.C.A. 18⅝% 1987	103.50	13.98
Japan Development Bank 15⅜% 1987	110.75	11.17
Occidental 16⅞% 1987	108.50	13.21
Nordic Investment Bank 11⅝% 1987	98.5	11.74
Amoco U.K. 13⅞% 1988	103.00	12.25
Mitsubishi 11⅝% 1988	100.38	11.59
Montana Power 15⅞% 1988	107.00	12.98
Trans Canada Pipeline 16%	108.00	13.90
Coca Cola 11⅝% 1989	102.75	11.05
Dresser 12⅜% 1989	103.50	11.60
Walt Disney 12⅜% 1989	103.13	11.63
Electricite de France 11⅝% 1990	95.63	12.24
Citicorp 10⅞% 1990	90.88	12.51
World Bank 10⅞% 1990	95.88	11.85
Ontario Hydro 13⅞% 1991	106.88	11.95
E.I.B. 11% 1991	95.00	12.06
B.M.W. 10⅛ 1991	97.00	11.22
Barclays Bank 8⅝% 1992	81.26	12.06
Amax 16⅜% 1992	111.50	13.79
E.E.C. 14⅜% 1993	109.50	12.50
Richard Vicks 11⅝% 1993	96.25	12.15
Prudential 10⅞% 1993	94.75	11.56
Gulf Oil 10⅝% 1994	95.65	11.46
C.N.A. 16⅜% 1996	112.25	13.16

CONVERTIBLE BONDS	Conv Price	Prem
General Electric 4¼% 1987	143.50	−0.54
Beatrice Foods 4⅞% 1992	117.00	1.10
Eastman Kodak 4½% 1988	95.50	19.26
Ford 5% 1988	117.50	−0.09
Lear Petroleum 8% 1989	108.50	4.51
Morgan J.P. 4⅜% 1987	126.50	−3.48
Revlon 4⅞% 1987	93.50	15.24
Sperry Rand 4¼% 1988	100.00	8.14
Warner Lambert 4⅞% 1987	87.50	38.21
Northern Telecom 7% 1988	134.00	−0.95

DEUTSCHMARK ISSUES	Price	Yld
World Bank 8% 1990	100.20	7.71
World Bank 9% 1992	104.00	8.15
Caisse Nat Tele 7⅞% 1993	96.76	8.11
E.E.C. 8% 1994	98.70	8.02

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10½%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¾%. £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%. £50,000 and over, 7¼%

McDonnell in $470m takeover

St Louis. – McDonnell Douglas Corporation has completed the acquisition of Hughes Helicopters, an asset of the estate of Mr Howard Hughes, for about $470m (£334m).

The announcement was made by Mr Sanford McDonnell, chairman of McDonnell, and Mr William Lummus, administrator of the Hughes estate.

Mr McDonnell described the takeover as "a key acquisition that provides McDonnell Douglas with an excellent new line of business that is fully compatible with the corporation's other aerospace activities and can benefit from our broad range of technical capabilities.

East Midlands Co-ops merge creating turnover of £200m

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

A big Co-op merger in the East Midlands is about to create the second largest independent retail society in the co-operative movement.

At the end of this month the fast-growing and profitable Greater Nottingham Co-operative Society will link with loss-making Mansfield and Worksop Co-operative Society. The expanded Greater Nottingham society will then have a territory stretching from Yorkshire in the north to Derbyshire in the west and as far as the East Coast and south to the borders of Leicestershire.

Combined turnover will be well in excess of £200m, placing it, judging from the last published figures, marginally ahead of the North Eastern Co-operative Society and next to the recently created United Co-operatives.

United Co-operatives is a combination of two big societies in the West Midlands and the North West.

Mergers on this scale are now seen within the co-operative movement as the only hope of halting the decline in the Co-op's market share on the High Street. too many smaller societies have been fallinginto a pattern of escalating losses.



Frank Doherty

Manchester-based C0-operative Retail Services (CRS), traditionally the ambulance service for troubled societies, is now the giant in Co-op retailing with a presence in many parts of England and Wales, including the London area, and a turnover of some £900m a year. CRS itself is close to a merger with the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS), the supplier to retail societies.

The Mansfield society, which in 1982 made a loss of more than £400,000 on a £43m turnover, has been restricted in efforts to move into modern retailing outlets like superstores. To forestall competition in Mansfield Greater Nottingham is already building a superstore there.

Greater Nottingham started building superstores in 1979 and with two opened last year now has five in operation. A further three are due to pen this year.

In 1982 Greater Nottingham boosted turnover by 9.8 per cent to £164m producing a trading profit of more than £4m. In the first half of last year turnover was up nearly 11 per cent.

Greater Nottingham, whose chief executive is Mr Frank Doherty, is reporting good trading levels from the run-up to Christmas and during the post-Christmas sales.

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Stock	Par Cent	Price	Buying Yields Flat	GRY
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Source: Gilbert Eliot & Co

Offshore and International Funds



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APPOINTMENTS

Abbey Life names new directors

Abbey Life Assurance Company: Mr Ralph M. Peters has become executive director, agency division; Mr Brian P. Ridsdale, executive director, marketing and systems and Mr Freddie C. Tucker, executive director, international operations. All three will join the board of directors.

International Signal & Control Group: Mr Richard H. Holmberg joins the main board as technical director. Mr Walter E. Fairbanks succeeds Mr Holmberg as president of ISC Defence Systems.

West Bromwich Spring: Mr F. A. Smith has relinquished the the position of chairman and tetired from the board. He has accepted the position of life president. Mr D. A. Cooper-Smith has become chairman and will also continue in his present position of managing director.

Watts Blake Bearne: Mr Dennis Norman has been appointed a director. He has resigned as company secretary and is succeeded in that post by Mr John Bell.

Whittington Engineering Co: Mr John Thorpe has become a director.

Steel Brothers Holdings: Mr Patrick E. Cooper will become chief executive from April 1 on the retirement of Mr David E. W. Thomas.

Lazard Brothers & Co: Mr J. M. Hignett and Mr J. W. Sillem have been appointed executive directors. Mr M. J. J. Cowan and Mr H. L. Seymour have been appointed directors of Lazard Securities. Mr J. N. Butterwick and Lord Tryon have resigned as directors of Lazard Brothers & Co.

Lloyds Bank International: Mr Norman W Jones, a director and until his retirement on November 30, 1983, chief executive of the Lloyds Bank Group, has been appointed a director of Lloyds Bank International with effect from May 1, 1984. Mr Jones will remain on the board of Lloyds Bank and become a deputy chairman of that bank.

Staveley Industries: Mr Ken Roberts has become chairman. This follows the retirement of Dr A. Frankel as director and chairman.

Reed Stenhouse UK: Mr K J Davis has become marketing director and associate member of the executive board; Mr G S. Whitehead is now deputy divisional director, Southern division; Mr I Croft is deputy divisional director, Northern division; Mr S Brophy is regional director for the Midlands based in Birmingham; Mr B J Clare is appointed project director; Mr B Hammond is regional director, Home Counties; Mr W Greig is regional director Scotland East, based in Edinburgh and Mr J Hiscock becomes City branch director.

CRICKET

Storm clouds loom out of the blue for England

From Derek Hodgson, Auckland

England were in danger at the end of the second day at Eden Park yesterday of becoming the first touring side to lose to a New Zealand province. Having lost Fowler, Tavaré, Gower and Lamb in their second innings they led Auckland by only 42 runs. Boycott's team played a tie with Central Districts in 1978; victory for Auckland would crown their centenary year.

On a Sunday morning under a blue sky from the Côte d'Azur, this city can still command Kipling's line: "Last, loneliest, loveliest, exquisite, apart". Clean wide streets, minimal graffiti, no vandalism, a gentle traffic flow and youngsters still polite enough to address middle-aged Englishmen as "sir": such courtesies did not, however, extend to visiting England cricketers.

The morning should have been no more than a mopping-up of the Auckland first innings, for the province restarted 111 runs behind with five wickets down. Botham, who bruised his left toe when collecting his second nought of the tour on Saturday, was still not fit to take the field, reducing Willis's bowling options, but there can have been little doubt in the England captain's mind that he had sufficient resources to deal with the Auckland tail.

The pitch has been something of a mystery from the start, for while Tracy, Troup and Snedden seemed able to make the odd ball gather pace from its relaid surface the England bowlers were less hostile and less penetrative. Dilley, in his opening spell from the terrace end, tried to bang more pace out of the slow turf and consequently strayed from his line and almost lost his length. Five overs cost 31 runs after Hellaby had become the obligatory sacrificial morning victim for the captain.

Snedden, that useful all-rounder, was then joined by Bracewell in the first of two stands that were to transform the match, 72 runs coming in the next 90 minutes, while Cook retained the scoreboard end and the fast bowlers took turns from the other.

Bracewell, when two, survived a confident appeal for a bat-and-pad catch by Gower off Cook and when 39, at 179 for six, top-edged Foster for Fowler to race to the right spot for a high catch before juggling with and finally dropping the ball. Bracewell needed no further encouragement, pulling and driving with growing confidence, happily ignoring the fact that a fair proportion of his runs did not come quite off the middle of the bat.

Cook got through Snedden's defence with England still 24 runs ahead but his replacement, Troup, displayed the same merry demeanour as Bracewell, who passed his previous highest score (62) and took Auckland into the lead.

At 260 for eight Willis immediately claimed the new ball for Bracewell to meet him, head on, magnificently, pulling it over square leg for six to reach his maiden century and bringing the declaration, at 2.43, with Auckland 63 ahead.

Tavaré, having been bowled by Tracy in the first innings, this time tried to glance him and was caught down the leg side. The left-arm Troup, using a variable crosswind, also had Fowler going wide and edging to the wicket-keeper, and Gower, who had appeared perfectly comfortable, either misjudged the line or was caught by a late swing. Lamb became Kelly's third victim when the indefatigable Sneddedn joined the attack.

No Botham but Taylor, that veteran of a 1,000 battles on cold, windswept days in Derby, blocked up for 50 minutes to some derision from an 8,000 crowd before joining Gatting in an unbroken stand of 43 to the close.

"We are hoping that Botham will be fit to bat tomorrow", the manager, Alan Smith, said. "But we shall not take any risks with a bad bruise. All today has proved is that we have a great deal of hard work ahead, in a short time, to prepare for the first Test."

ENGLAND: First Innings

C J Tavaré b Tracy	1
G Fowler c Franklin b Snedden	18
D I Gower c Hellaby b Snedden	84
A J Lamb c and b Snedden	21
M W Gatting c Franklin b Snedden	56
I T Botham l-b-w b Troup	0
†R W Taylor b Snedden	1
G R Dilley c Kelly b Snedden	0
NGB Cook c Reid b Tracy	6
N A Foster c Kelly b Tracy	21
*R G Willis not out	2
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, n-b 3)	10
Total	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–51, 3–90, 4–153, 5–155, 6–157, 7–161, 8–191, 9–209, 10–220.

BOWLING: Tracy, 8.4–1–46–3; Troup, 14–3–59–; Snedden, 18–4–70–6; Hellaby, 5–0–22–0; Bracewell, 4–1–13–0.

Second Innings

G Fowler c Kelly b Troup	6
C J Tavaré c Kelly b Tracy	2
D I Gower l-b-w b Troup	33
A J Lamb c Kelly b Snedden	15
M W Gatting not out	27
†R W Taylor not out	20
Extras (l-b 2)	
Total (4 wkts)	105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–3, 2–13, 3–56, 4–62.

BOWLING: Tracy 10-1-28-1; Troup 12-3-27-2; Snedden 11-4-27-1; Bracewell 6-0-14-0; Reid 4-1-7-1.

AUCKLAND: First Innings

P N Webb c Willis b Foster	38
†T J Franklin b Foster	0
J F Reid c Taylor b Foster	43
*J J Crowe c and b Dilley	23
M J Greatbatch c Tavaré b Cook	2
M C Snedden b Cook	27
A T Hellaby lbw Willis	4
J G Bracewell not out	104
P J Kelly c and b Foster	0
G B Troup not out	28
Extras (b1, lb12, nb1)	14
Total (8wktsdec)	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–1, 2–67, 3–88, 4–100, 5–108, 6–121, 7–193, 8–196.

BOWLING: Willis 18.4–3–68-2; Dilley 16–2–70–1; Foster 25–5–64–3; Cook 32-11-67-2.

Umpires: F R Goodall and T A McCall.

Richards inspires W Indies

Melbourne (Reuter) – West Indies beat Australia by 27 runs here yesterday in the opening match of the World Series Cup. Australia, chasing the West Indies total of 221 for seven in 50 overs, were all out for 194 in 46 overs.

The West Indies' vice-captain, Vivian Richards, who scored 53 to help his side recover from a poor start, and later claimed the wicket of Maguire, was named man of the match.

Richards and his captain, Lloyd, came together with the score at 34 for two, after Lloyd had won the toss and elected to bat. They put on 103 runs, to lead West Indies to a solid total, with late support from Baptiste and Gomes. Hogg was the most impressive Australian bowler.

Australia also made a bad start, losing Wessels for seven, Phillips for 10 and Hughes for five. When Daniel had Matthews caught behind, Australia were in deep trouble at 44 for four.

Yallop, injured while fielding during the morning, could not take his usual position in the batting order, but Border, with an unbeaten 84, revived Australia. Marsh scored 31, but fell with the total on 108, and Australia added only seven runs for the next two wickets.

The fast bowler, Hogg, scored 21, and the injured Yallop 13, in a desperate rearguard action, but the end came when Rackemann was run out for two. The West Indies fast bowlers shared the wickets, with Marshall returning the best figures, and sharp fielding by West Indies earned three run-outs.

Afterwards, Lloyd said his bowlers had not performed as well as they could. "But it's our first game in Australia, and we can only get better," he said. "We now know what to do." The Australian captain, Hughes, said he was disappointed at losing, but was pleased with his side's determination. "Yallop's injury completely upset our batting line-up," he said.

The South Australian captain, Hooker, who has been recalled to replace Yallop against Pakistan on Tuesday, scored 111 in the Sheffield Shield match against Western Australia in Perth yesterday.

WEST INDIES:

D L Haynes c Hughes b Hogg	17
R S Gabriel c Marsh b Hogg	13
I V A Richards c Marsh B Maguire	53
*C H Lloyd c Rackemann b Matthews	65
†P J Dujon c Wessels b Hogg	5
M D Marshall run out	9
E A E Baptiste not out	28
H A Gomes b Rackemann	21
M A Holding not out	1
Extras (b1, l-b6, w1, n-b 1)	9
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	221

J Garner and W W Daniel did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–28, 2–34, 3–137, 4–153, 5–167, 6–173, 7–220.

BOWLING: Lawson 10-1-34-0; Rackemann 10-2-39-1; Hogg 10-1-29-3; Maguire 10-1-29-3; Matthews 10-0-65-1.

AUSTRALIA

K C Wessels b Garner	7
W B Phillips c and b Marshall	10
*K J Hughes run out	5
A R Border not out	84
G R J Matthews c Dujon b Daniel	2
†R W Marsh run out	31
G F Lawson b Baptiste	2
J N Maguire b Richards	0
R M Hogg l-b-w- b Holding	21
G N Yallop c Lloyd b Marshall	13
C G Rackemann run out	2
Extras (l-b 10, w 1, n-b 6)	17
Total (46 overs)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–28, 3–31, 4–44, 5–108, 6–114, 7–115, 8–153, 9–191, 10–194.

BOWLING: Garner 8-2-28-1; Marshall 9-2-25-2; Daniel 6-1-24-1; Holding 10-0-42-1; Baptist 7-0-41-1; Richards 6-1-24-1.

SKIING

Second win in two days for Canada

Puy St-Vincent, France (Reuter) – Laurie Graham gave Canada their second women's World Cup victory of the weekend when she won the super-giant slalom here yesterday.

Miss Graham, aged 23, finished the 1,950-metre course in 1min 15.73sec, 0.25sec faster than Michela Figini, of Switzerland.

Miss Graham's victory followed Saturday's win by her team colleague, Gerry Sorensen, in the women's World Cup downhill. Miss Sorensen, reaching a top speed of 70mph, covered the 2,890-metre piste in 1min 40.44sec – 1.38sec faster than Veronika Vitzthum of Austria.

Miss Sorensen finished fifth in yesterday's super-giant slalom, behind Irene Epple, fourth, Debbie Armstrong third, and Miss Figini second.

But Miss Figini, the most promising young skier in a strong Swiss women's team, moved up to third place in this season's giant slalom overall standings.

Miss Armstrong, of the United States, produced her best ever result in a World Cup event, while Miss Epple, of West Germany, moved to the top of the women's overall standings ahead of Erika Hess, of Switzerland.

DOWNHILL: 1, G Sorensen (Can), 1min 40.44sec; 2, V Vitzthum (Aust), 1:41.82; 3, V Wallser (Switz), 1:42.02; 4, S Eder (Aust), 1:42.05; 5, M Kiehl (WG), 1:42.21; 6, H Wenzel (Liech), 1:42.24; 7, I Epple (WG), 1:42.29; 8, L Soelkner (Aust), 1:42.62; 9, M Figini (Switz) 1:42.66; 10, J Gantnerova (Cz), 1:42.88; 11, E Kirchler (Aust), 1:43.03; 12, H Wiesler (WG), 1:43.05; 13, L Graham (Can), 1:43.07; 14, O Chartova (CZ), 1:43.31; 15, M Marich (US), 1:43.31. Overall: 1, Epple 74 pts; 2, Wallser, 63; 3, Wenzel, 52; 4, Sorensen, 37; equal 5, A Ehrat (Switz), Gantnerova, Soulkner, 35.

SUPER-GIANT SLALOM: 1, L Graham, 1:15.73; 2, M Figini, 1:15.98; 3, D Armstrong (US), 1:16.21; 4, I Epple, 1:16.26; 5, G Sorensen, 1:16.34; 6, M Kiehl, 1:16.40; 7, H Wenzel, 1:16.51; 8, O Charvatova, 1:16.56; 9, D Haight (Can), 1:16.64; 10, C Emonet (Fr), 1:16.76; 11, E Chaud (Fr), 1:16.81; 12, C Quittet (Fr), 1:16.89; 13, B Oertli (Switz), 1:17-06; 14, C Cooper (US), 1:17-07; 15, R Moesenlechner (WG), 1:17.12. Overall: 1, H Wenzel, 49pts; 2, E Hess, 37; 3, M Figini, 35; 4, I Epple, 34; 5, P Pelen (Fr), 29; equal 6, E Charvatova and L Graham, 25.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: 1, Epple, 183 pts; 2, Hess, 135; 3, Wenzel, 127; 4, Wallser, 93; 5, Figini, 84; 6, Charvatova, 83.

Urs Raeber of Switzerland won his second consecutive World Cup downhill race here yesterday, while the veteran, Franz Klammer, of Austria, finished second on one of his favourite courses.

Raeber completed the 3,320-metre course with a vertical drop of 960 metres, in 1min 56.7sec, confirming the form which took him to his first World Cup victory in Val Gardena, Italy, just before Christmas. Klammer finished in 1:56.86.

DOWNHILL: 1, U Raeber (Switz), 1min 56.75sec; 2, F Klammer (Aust), 1:56:88; 3, M Mair (It), 1:57:30; 4, P Wirnsberger (Aust), 1:57:42; 5, F Heinzer (Switz), 1:57:50; 6, E Resch (Aust), 1:57:52; 7, B Kernen (Switz), 1:57:53; 8, P Luescher (Switz), 1:57:55; 9, S Mell (It), 1:57:73; 10, H Weirather (Aust), 1:57:78; 11, G Pfaffenbichler (Aust), 1:57:88; 12, B Fleischberger (Aust), 1:57:97; 13, C Cathomen (Switz), 1:58:12; 14, H Hoeflehner (Aust), 1:58:13; 15, D Bardelotto (It), 1:58:17; British placings: 42, M Bell, 2:00.73:50, G Bell 2:01.46. OVERALL: Raeber, 74pts; 2, Heinzer, 52; 3, T Brooker (Can), 50; 4, Weirather 48; equal 5, Klammer and Resch 45. British placing: 26, M Bell, 2.

MEN'S WORLD CUP: 1, Heinzer, 98 pts; 2, Zurbriggen, 97; 3, Wenzel, 85; 4, Raeber, 83; 5, Stenmark, 59; equal 6, Franko and Brooker, 50.

ATHLETICS

Hello and goodbye to top performers

By Pat Butcher

Hail and farewell, to borrow an Orwellian opener. Steve Ovett won his first race of 1984, and Verona Elder announced her retirement. Ovett, one of Britain's all time greats, tends to do his training in public nowadays. And his win in the Malluks international cross country race in Belfast on Saturday should please his sponsors.

Verona Elder, whose record is as solid as her physique, has been Britain's leading indoor international during the last 12 years – collecting three 400 metre gold medals – and leaves competition with only the vaguest regret that this semi professional era in athletics has come too late for her.

Ovett is having his first injury-free winter since before the Moscow Olympics, and that must augur well for his chances of winning another gold medal in Los Angeles, if not in the 800 metres. But he suffered stomach cramps during the eight-kilometre race on Saturday, which was run in driving sleet. Ovett husbanded his resources behind the forcing pace of Richard O'Flynn of Ireland, and Jon Richards, the Cornish junior. But Ovett's sprint with 100 metres to go was too much for both of them and he won in 24min 36sec.

There was no more appropriate place than Cosford for Mrs Elder to announce her retirement. It was there in 1972 that she won the first of her nine indoor national titles (including one at 800 metres), and started towards her record 73 international vests. During that time, she also became one of the athletes' representatives to the administration. So it was from a firm base of experience that she signed off with backing for the current move to amalgamate the men's and women's bodies in Britain. "Amalgamation must benefit the women. They've got to get a lot more professional, and keep in touch with what's going on," she said.

Barely an hour later, the shortcomings in women's athletics administration were manifested in typical fashion. Someone had neglected to advertise that the 3,000 metres was the Women's AAA championship, brought forward from next week. yvonne Murray found out, but Carol Haig and Anna Wittekind did not. the last two were allowed to enter the open race held in conjunction, and they exposed the farce when Miss Haig won easily from Miss Murray with Miss Wittekind third, but Miss Murrat, of course, got the gold medal.

MEN: 60m: E Obeng, 6.8m. 200m: E Tulloch, 21.9. 400m: S Sole, 48.2. 600m: P Norgate, 1min 49.1sec. 1500m: J Espir, 3:46.7. 3,000m: M McLeod, 8:1.1. 60m hurdles: M Holton, 8.0. Pole vault: J Gutteridge, 5.10m. Long jump: F Salle, 7.31. Triple jump: D Wood, 15.22. Shot: M Winch, 18.18.

WOMEN: 60m: J Christian, 7.5sec. 200m: S Jacobs, 24.0. 400m: Y Wray 54.3. 800m: J Finch, 2min 4.2sec. 3,000m, AAA championship: Y Murray, 9:22.0. 3,000m, Open: C Haig, 9:12.1. 60m Hurdles: K Robin-Millerchip, 8.5. High Jump: D Elliott, 1.83m. Shot: J Oakes, 17.92.

Wells in Australia

Melbourne. (Reuter) – Allan Wells, the Olympic 100 metres champion, arrived here at the weekend to begin preparations for the defence of his title in Los Angeles later this year. Wells, will run twice in Australia before moving on to compete in New Zealand.

EQUESTRIANISM

Six of the best for Simon

By Jenny MacArthur

Hugo Simon, of Australia, captured the individual title in the Martell Cognac Show Jumping Championship at Harwood Hall, Essex on Saturday after finishing the six rounds in the fastest time. The six competitors had to ride each of the six borrowed horses and the competition was judged on speed, with a four-second penalty added to the score for each fence knocked down.

Simon, who cut short skiing holiday in Switzerland so that he could take part, finished nine seconds ahead of Walter Gabathuler, a member of the Swiss team which won the gold medal in last year's European Championships. John Whitaker gave the best British performance, finishing third.

The team event was won by Europe, after an exciting sixth and final round, when it looked for a moment as if Britain might go into the lead. By the start of the sixth round, in which riders were allowed to take their own line round the course, Britain's team of Whitaker, David Broome and Captain Mark Phillips had reduced the gap between the two teams to a mere 4.20sec (after the first round Europe had led by 50 seconds).

Gabathuler went first, and had a slow clear on Santallrus. Captain Phillips, riding Framero, had a run-out at fence six, and two fences down. Simon also had two knockdowns on the novice horse, Ecarte.

Whitaker chose a very quick route on Cutlers Once More and, despite two fences down, finished in the good time of 42.64sec, a particularly fine performance because the mare is only five.

Frederic Cottier finished in 46.32sec after hitting the last fence on the Grade B mare High and Dry, who nevertheless, gained the prize for the best horse in the competition.

Broome, the to go could have saved the day for Britain if he had completed the course in less than 38 seconds, but a brick out of the wall, followed by a plank down at the last fence, assured Europe of victory.

Results: Individual: 1, H Simon (Australia), 4min 16.74sec; 2, W Gabathuler (Switz), 4:25.34; 3, J Witaker (GB), 4.22.29; 4, D Broome (GB), 4:37.73; 5, M Phillips (GB), 4:56.46; 6, F Cottier (Fr), 5:18.82; Teams: 1, Europe, 14:0.09; 2, Britain, 14.6.48.

The odd couple who will live for evermore at Dean Court

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bournemouth	2
Manchester Utd	0

Dean Court, Bournemouth's house in the country, looks and sounds like the local vicar's cottage. It is scarcely large enough to hold a party, but on Saturday evening the celebrations stretched from wall-to-wall down the whitewashed corridors that echo usually only to the sound of footsteps.

Among the flushed and noisy revellers stood Harry Redknapp, sobered by the thought that he had successfully planned the biggest triumph not only of his career, but also in Bournemouth's 85-year history. Cigars and champagne were the order of the night, and Redknapp and his side deserved every puff and every bubble.

There was one room in the house that remained locked, and no laughter could be heard from within. Behind the door marked visitors, a dozen guests from Manchester United sat in disgrace. Ron Atkinson emerged after 45 minutes, boiling with anger.

"We now owe it to our fans, and to ourselves, to win the championship," he added tersely and walked silently away. No wonder there were thunderously black clouds in the Mancunian air, for the most popular club in the land had lost more than a third-round tie and their hold on the FA Cup.

Their supporters lost their dignity, and their players lost their heart. Even George Best, formerly attached to both clubs and working as a radio commentator for the day, admitted that he would have been "embarrassed to pick up my week's wages", had he performed like some of United's individuals.

Since their back four after the interval included a reserve striker, a new buy, a right back at centre half and a midfield player, United's lack of understanding was understandable to a certain extent. Yet that a team of such riches should yield so pathetically was the outstanding surprise of the afternoon.

Brown, a defensive tower recently acquired by Bournemouth from Fulham, said that within five minutes, he could see that at least half of the United side were "visibly frightened" . . . of Bournemouth, a side that lost at Port Vale, the bottom club in the third division, last Monday, when United drew at Anfield?

Midfield was United's clearest wasteland. Robson looked unfit, Muhren unwilling and Wilkins faded all too soon. Whiteside, once laughably compared to Best, continued to resemble a broken windmill, all flailing arms and legs, and both Stapleton and Graham, who wasted Uniteds only genuine opportunity, were equally unproductive in attack.

As if that was not enough, United also gave away both goals. Bailey, supposedly England's goalkeeper of the future, exposed a worrying flaw by dropping a corner on the hour. The hesitancy of Robson, the England captain, in his own penalty area two minutes later was merely uncharacteristic.

The two scorers, soon to become Bournemouth legends, are an odd couple. During the summer, Graham polished his game on the unlikely fields of New Zealand, and Thompson, once on the point of joining Manchester City, moved down from Salisbury of the Southern League, for £16,000.

The names of their nine colleagues should not be forgotten either for, even though they needed to be no more than adequate, they all played their roles in Redknapp's simple strategy. "We watched a video of United against Oxford and we noticed there was a chink in their armour", he said. Some of them do not perform when they are closed down, and that was our main priority."

Redknapp, formerly a winger with West Ham United, remembered how much unnecessary respect first division sides pay each other, and how their rhythm, and subsequently their confidence, can be broken if their freedom is suddenly limited. He could scarcely have foreseen that his designs would work so quickly, so successfully and for so long.

The lone threat to Bournemouth's convincing victory came sadly from some of United's supporters, who took out their frustrations on the terraces, and brought the game to an ugly and almost premature close. The behaviour of those both on and off the pitch was, as their manager later conceded, a disgrace to the name of Manchester United.

BOURNEMOUTH: I Leigh; E La Ronde, C Sulley, R Savage, R Brown, P Brignull, R Train, M Nightingale, T Morgan, W Graham, I Thompson.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston (sub L Macari), R Wilkins, G Hogg, B Robson, R Moses, A Muhren, F Stapleton, N Whiteside, A Graham.

Referee: B Stevens (Stonehouse).

Far cry from Salisbury: scorer Thompson celebrates (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Taylor's men battle against Indian sign

By Clive White

Luton Town	2
Watford	2

Graham Taylor's record against Luton Town is quite simply dreadful – one victory in 10 attempts. Consequently his team's deserving draw in a rousing FA Cup tie at Kenilworth Road on Saturday was no reason to anticipate victory in the third round replay at Vicarage Road tomorrow. As he admitted: "Perhaps the most dangerous part is yet to come for us."

For a man as competitive as Taylor it must be galling for him to have his nose repeatedly rubbed in the dirt on his own doorstep, particularly by an old adversary from his playing days. David Pleat has always been confident that he knows how to deal with the Watford menace: work the ball through midfield and put pressure on the back three. "You always have a chance of scoring against Watford," he says.

But despite Watford's defensive fallibility, Luton's enterprising away form and, of course, the Indian sign which they hold over their rivals, one senses that Taylor will be privately wallowing in one of the most satisfying moments of his career late tomorrow evening.

After 27 minutes Taylor had an extra reason, other than crowd friction, for cursing the draw which pitted these old foes together. Luton were two goals up and a painfully familiar story – for Taylor – was unfolding. But even in their darkest moments of these local disputes Watford have always fought on.

The acquisition of Johnston has made an enormous difference to their attack, which had become blunt and dispirited since the passing of Blissett's spirited runs. It has taken the weight off Barnes, so reviving one of this country's greatest footballing assets.

It was a piece of simple Barnes skill and smart Johnston finishing – his ninth in ten games – which brought Watford the equalizer within eleven minutes of falling two goals behind. Barnes' feint easily fooled Stephens, who carelessly brought the winger down after being beaten. It brought a belated decision from Mr Gunn, the referee.

Johnston's unnecessarily provocative gesture to the Luton supporters on converting the penalty one assumes, went unseen by Mr Gunn.

Three bad errors, in all, received the ultimate punishment. The first, in the 20th minute, was when Bardsley completely missed the ball as it broke back to him from a Watford corner. Walsh picked up the running and played a good ball in the sticky conditions to Nwajiobi, who, with defenders closing in all around, took his chance with the calm authority of a seasoned professional instead of one with just four Isthmian League, two Football Combination and one Canon League game behind him.

Stein increased the lead with a typical effort struck on the turn over his left shoulder, but Watford, whose play had a more considered, solid look about it, quickly climbed back into the Cup.

Bunn, who struggled in such company, played a ball short in midfield and Watford broke through, forcing a free kick award from Mr Gunn. Barnes's shot was helped by a deflection off Horton, who was considerably closer than ten yards from the ball.

Johnston and Walsh both scorned excellent opportunities to invalidate tomorrow's meeting in a second half in which both teams, thankfully, lived dangerously in true Cup tie spirit.

Luton's protesters against the move the Milton Keynes stayed away, so keeping the attendance down to a paltry 15,000, but several million will watch the fun from a distance. The FA, who obviously know a winner when they see one – or rather a winning draw – filmed it for worldwide consumption.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; S Stephens, M Thomas, B Horton, P Elliott, M Donaghy, R Hill, B Stein, P Walsh, P Bunn, E Nwajiobi (sub: R Antic).

WATFORD: S Sherwood; D Bardsley, W Rostron, L Taylor, S Sims, P Franklin, N Callaghan, M Johnston, G Reilly, K Jackett, J Barnes.

Referee: A Gunn (Burgess Hill).

Rangers out of luck

By Hugh Taylor

Aberdeen, knocked out of their stride by a Rangers side growing in confidence with every match, were fortunate to escape from Ibrox Park unbeaten, but the 1-1 draw on Saturday enabled them to maintain their four-point lead over Celtic at the top of the premier division.

Luck was also with Celtic, who were held to a 2-2 draw by Motherwell in a fierce match at Fir Park. The home side had collected only one point in their previous seven league outings, under their new manager, Bobby Watson, but Motherwell, still anchored at the foot of the table, fought spiritedly, and only superb goalkeeping by Bonner enabled Celtic to take point.

Britain's biggest crowd of the day, 37,500, saw an explosive Ibrox encounter, with Dawson, of Rangers, and Black, of Aberdeen, ordered off, and five other players cautioned, four from Rangers. However, they must have been disappointed by the quality of the play, apart, that is, from an entrancing performance by Cooper, a temperamental Rangers winger who has taken on a new lease of life since Jock Wallace arrived.

The manager was pleased with the continuation of the Ibrox revival – Rangers's unbeaten run has now been extended to nine games – but Alex Ferguson, of Aberdeen, was upset by his team's display. After the deplorable first half, he said: "That was a total disaster for us." Thankfully, football flowed, in patches at least, in the second half, in which Cooper put Rangers ahead from a penalty, and Hewitt, Scotland's most noted substitute, equalized.

The draw for the third round of the Scottish Cup was made on Saturday. Aberdeen, the holders, find themselves at home to Kilmarnock, and should start this year's campaign with a comfortable win. Indeed all 10 premier division clubs missed each other in the draw, an unusual occurrence. The one guarantee is that there should be an exciting fourth round.

THIRD ROUND DRAW: Hamilton v Alloa; Falkirk v Clyde; Inverness Caledonian v Arbroath or Stirling Albion; Berwick Rangers v Celtic; Dundee United v Ayr United; Clydebank v Brechin; Morton v East Stirlingshire; Airdrieonians v St Johnstone; Cowdenbeath v Dundee; Motherwell v Queen's Park; [illegible] v Dunfermline or Forfar; Meadowbank v St Mirren; Aberdeen v Kilmarnock; Heart of Midlothian v Partick Thistle; Hibernian v East Fife; Raith Rovers v Dumbarton (Matches to be played on January 28).

Bristol City earn replay

Notts County 2 Bristol City 2

Bristol City, of the fourth division, deservedly earned the right to meet Notts County, of the first, again at Ashton Gate tomorrow when they drew their FA Cup third round match at Meadow Lane.

They shocked County at taking the lead after three minutes when Crawford headed into the net following a cross by Pritchard. County were on the receiving end for some time but drew level after 33 minutes through a disputed penalty scored by Christie, for a push by Halliday on Harkouk.

Chiedozie tormented Bristol and it was from his cross that Christie put the home side ahead after 49 minutes, with his 16th goal of the season. The equalizer came in 64 minutes when the County goalkeeper, McDonagh, lost possession and Ritchie rammed the ball into the empty net.

Today's fixtures

FOOTBALL

7.30 (unless stated)

Third division

Southend v Bristol Rovers

Scottish Cup, second round

Dunfermline v Forfar

MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Northampton v Luton (7.0).

FA YOUTH CUP, third round: Newcastle v Leeds (7.0). Replay: Millwall v Ipswich.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Lada Classic (Warrington, 2.0 and 7.0).

BASKETBALL: ASDA Cup (Albert Hall): Leicester v Solent Stars (7.15).

Safe hands keep Clough at bay

By Nicholas Harling

Nottm Forest	1
Southampton	2

One of Brian Clough's transfer deals may forever come back to haunt him. The sale of Peter Shilton to Southampton never had his blessing, but that will be of little comfort to the Nottingham Forest manager, who must be wondering if he will ever lead a team to an FA Cup Final at Wembley.

The one coveted honour that still eludes Clough will do so for another year at least, unless he changes clubs. He has, of course, been to Wembley for League Cup finals and Charity Shield games, but those occasions do not carry the aura of the biggest day of all.

Clough and Forest could hardly blame themselves. They, particularly Birtles, did all they could but Shilton brought his massive security back to thwart them. Not content with having withstood their onslaught in the opening League game of the season, here he was again providing the main hub to their Cup progress for a Southampton side that now finds itself rated as second favourites. The bookmakers certainly have a point, although the game was curiously lacking in the passion of a Cup tie until the second half. Since both teams abhor football of the blood and thunder variety which somehow adds a special flavour to the Cup, they were progressing more sedately, as if in search of League points until the final crescendo of three goals in the last 13 minutes.

Like Forest, Southampton exploit the counter attack and besides having a recent record against Forest which is second to none, possess the safest pair of hands in the League. Shilton, having kept out one Birtles' header in the first half, bettered that with a blinding save from the same forehead in the fifty-third minute. It was so quick that for once one bemoaned the absence of a television action replay. Later, in equally characteristic fashion Shilton tipped a shot from Hodge on to the angle of post and bar.

With Southampton's adventurous full backs all too quick to get back to nullify the threats of Walsh and Wigley on the flanks, Birtles and Davenport, particularly, suffered. Wigley, indeed, was substituted by Ian Wallace, the irony being that soon after Southampton took the lead. Worthington moving on Armstrong's pass for Moran to crack home an irresistible drive from 20 yards. From much closer range Moran headed the winner nine minutes later from a cross by Dennis, once again after Worthington had done the spade work.

That Worthington, an endearing veteran of so many Cup battles should have a dramatic late influence did not seem possible after the way Hart had contained him. Hart, it was, who had headed Forest's equalizer from Walsh's eighty third minute corner but Worthington, who had clearly not relished the physical aspect of his own personal encounter, must have found the final act of Southampton's triumph particularly gratifying. If football's most controversial manager cannot step out at Wembley, the game's most engaging player may yet do so.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H Van Breukelen; V Anderson, K Swain, C Fairclough, P Hart, I Bowyer, S Wigley, (sub: I Wallace), S Hodge, G Birtles, P Davenport, C Walsh.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; M Mills, M Dennis, S Williams, M Wright, R Agboola, N Holmes, S Moran, F Worthington, D Armstrong, D Wallace.

Referee: B Hill (Kettering).

Norwich simplicity

By Paul Harrison

Aston Villa	1
Norwich City	1

The FA Cup shocks were always bound to be handed out elsewhere. Here were two teams too close in the League and too close in terms of ability to surprise each other overmuch. They are also getting to know each other well: the replay is on Wednesday; on January 17 they meet at Carrow Road in the quarter-final round of the Milk Cup; and in February Villa travel there again in the League. Even Norwich's juniors are playing at Villa Park tonight.

The East Anglians had the better of Saturday's encounter. Only towards the end, when Villa, roared on by the Holte Enders, raised something of a grandstand finish, did Norwich's composure and sure control seem threatened.

At times Norwich's approach work make light of difficult, windy conditions, in a way that Villa's never did. The ball flowed precisely from man to man, the first goal, after 26 minutes, being an outstanding example of the Norwich style: simple and effective.

Shaw, anything but sharp, lost the ball in midfield. Devine broke through Villa's cover, deftly wrong-footing McMahon and passing accurately to Channon. Channon, who, if he does not have the speed of yore, seems to have added craft, turned to cross low and hard. Deehan was to the ball first to slide it into the corner.

Villa's reply came eight minutes later. Hareide fouled Withe in the air. Mortimer took the kick, chipped it straight on to Withe's toe, and the striker had quick revenge.

Downs was booked for a foul on Withe, and Withe himself was booked by the feferee, Ron Bridges, for over-reacting to an offside decision. Twice he had been narrowly caught, each time greeting the linesman's decision with a glare and histrionic arm waving. The second time, Mr Bridges decided that enough dissent was enough.

The third time it happened, we had an elaborate little mime of perfect football etiquette: the carrying of the ball upfield, the precise placing of it on the offending spot.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; D Bremner, R Walker, A Evans, B Ormsby, D Mortimer, P Birch, G Shaw, P Withe, S McMahon, M Walters.

NORTHWICH CITY: C Woods; P Haylock, G Downs, P Mendham, A Hareside, D Watson, J Devine, M Channon, J Deehan, K Bertschin, D van Wyk.

Referee: R Bridges (Clwyd).

Gilbert gets it rig[illegible]

By Paul Newman

Crystal Palace	1
Leicester City	0

Billy Gilbert, the Crystal Palace defender, had until recently a reputation as one of the hard men of second division football. In the words of Alan Mullery, his manager, "he didn't think he had to tackle people – he thought he had to hurt them."

But Gilbert, whose goal at Selhurst Park on Saturday knocked Leicester City out of the FA Cup, is a reformed character thanks to some sharp words from Mullery. "I told him three months ago that he had a choice to make," Mullery said. "He could carry on with this reputation of his or he could realise his potential as an outstanding footballer."

The result of that conversation was there for all 11,497 spectators to see on Saturday. Gilbert, aged 24, who used to collect bookings as regularly as a West End theatre box office, committed just one foul in the whole game and held his defence together with an outstanding display during a first half in which Leicester forced 12 corners and threatened to overrun Palace.

That the first division [illegible] to do so was thanks not [illegible] efforts of Gilbert and his [illegible] but to their own lack of [illegible] in the penalty area

Mullery, foreseeing [illegible] combative match in [illegible] played the industrious S[illegible] preference to the more [illegible] Murphy. The Palace ma[illegible] made a perfect assessme[illegible] the second half progre[illegible] midfield battle became in[illegible] intense.

Palace, spurred on [illegible] inspirational captian Nicho[illegible] more and more possession [illegible] 81 minutes earned a corne[illegible] right. Giles floated the ball [illegible] post and Gilbert soared hig[illegible] the Leicester defence, hung [illegible] air as if suspended by a w[illegible] thudded his header past Wal[illegible]

Palace, who are fifth from [illegible] of the second division and p[illegible] had more to gain than Leices[illegible] to lose, clung tenaciously t[illegible] advantage.

CRYSTAL PALACE: G Wood; G [illegible] Hughton, G Stebbing, J Lacy, W G[illegible] Giles, K Mabbutt, A McCulloch, P Nic[illegible] Hilaire.

LEICESTER CITY: M Wallington; R [illegible] Wilson, K MacDonald, R Hazell, J O[illegible] Lineker, A Smith, A Peake (sub, T En[illegible] Banks.

Referee. D S Vickers (Ilford).

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WEEKEND RESULTS

FA Cup Third round

Home		Away	
Aston Villa	1	Norwich City	1
(Replay: Wednesday, 7.30)			
Blackburn Rov	1	Chelsea	0
Blackpool	2	Manchester City	1
Bolton Wand	0	Sunderland	3
Bournemouth	2	Manchester Utd	0
Brighton	2	Swansea City	0
Burnley	0	Oxford Utd	0
(Replay: Wednesday, 7.30)			
Cambridge Utd	0	Derby County	3
Cardiff City	0	Ipswich Town	3
Carlisle	1	Swindon Town	1
(Replay: Tuesday, 7.30)			
Colchester	0	Charlton	1
Coventry City	1	Wolves	1
(Replay: Tuesday, 7.30)			
Crystal Palace	1	Leicester City	0
Darlington	4	Maidstone	1
Fulham	0	Tottenham H	0
(Replay: Wednesday, 8.0)			
Gillingham	5	Brentford	3
Huddersfield T	2	Q P Rangers	1
Leeds Utd	1	Scunthorpe	1
(Replay: Tuesday, 7.30)			
Luton Town	2	Watford	2
(Replay: Tuesday, 7.45)			
Middlesbro	3	Arsenal	2
Nottm Forest	1	Southampton	2
Plymouth Arg	2	Newport County	2
(Replay: Tuesday, 7.30)			
Portsmouth	2	Grimsby Town	1
Rochdale	1	Telford Utd	4
Rotherham	0	West Brom Alb	0
(Replay: Wednesday, 7.30)			
Sheffield Utd	1	Birmingham C	1
(Replay: Tuesday, 7.30)			
Sheffield W	1	Barnsley	0
Shrewsbury	3	Oldham Ath	0
Stoke City	0	Everton	2
West Ham Utd	1	Wigan Ath	0

Yesterday

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(11,042)		(Replay Tuesday, 7.45)	

OTHER MATCH: Bury 2, Preston N E 2.

FA VASE, Third round replays: Farsley 1, Blue Star 0; Crown and Mnr 1, Holbeach 0; Bridgnorth 1, Shifnal 2.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham 0, Nuneaton 1; Dagenham 3, Barnet 1; Enfield 3, Frickley 3; Gateshead 5, Boston 5; Kettering 2, Yeovil 3; Runcorn 0, Bangor City 2; Trowbridge 1, Kidderminster 2; Weymouth 0, Bath 1; Worcester 2, Northwich Vic 0; Scarborough 1, Maidstone 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay 2, Worthing 2; Bishop's Stort 0, Wokingham 3; Bognor Regis 1, Walthamstow [illegible]; Bromley 0, Wycombe 2; Harrow 3, Tooting & Mitcham 2; Hendon 1, Hayes 1; Leytonstone & Ilford 1, Sutton 2; Staines 3, Harlow 4. Postponed: Barking v Slough. First division: Boreham Wood 3, Epsom 1; Feltham 0, Hampton 5; Hertford 2, Leatherhead 2; Hornchurch 0 Chesham 1, (abondoned 60 min, floodlight failure); Lewes 1, Maidenhead 2; Met Police 0, Kingstonian 2; Tilbury 0, Wembley 5; Walton and E 3, Aveley 0. Second division: Basildon 1, Southall 1; Corinthian Casuals 0, Hemel H 0; Dorking 1, Tring 0; Eastbourne Utd 0, Hungerford 1; Epping 3, Grays 3; Letchworth 1, Egham 1; Newbury 4, Horsham 2; Fainham 3, Finchley 2; Uxbridge 2, Barton Rvrs 0; Ware 0, Molesey 5.

Third division

Bradford City	5	Wimbledon	2
Orient	0	Walsall	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford United	23	14	4	5	49	31	46
Hull City	23	12	9	2	38	18	45
Walsall	24	13	6	5	35	30	45
Sheffield Utd	23	12	6	5	46	26	42
Wimbledon	23	13	3	7	54	45	42
Burnley	23	11	6	6	48	27	39
Bolton Wanderers	23	11	6	6	35	25	39
Bristol Rovers	22	11	4	7	34	28	37
Orient	24	11	4	9	34	31	37
Newport County	22	9	7	6	29	33	34
Gillingham	21	10	3	8	37	34	33
Lincoln City	23	10	3	10	31	31	33
Millwall	23	9	6	8	41	43	33
Bradford	23	9	5	9	43	40	32
Plymouth Argyle	22	7	5	10	29	29	26
Southend Utd	22	6	7	9	31	39	25
Wigan Athletic	22	6	6	10	24	35	24
Preston North End	23	6	5	12	35	35	23
Exeter City	23	5	7	11	31	41	22
Rotherham Utd	22	6	4	12	22	33	22
Bournemouth	23	6	4	13	29	44	22
Brentford	22	4	8	10	32	44	20
Scunthorpe Utd	23	4	7	12	28	48	19
Port Vale	22	3	3	16	18	44	12

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Alb 4, Worksop 1; Buxton 1, Oswestry 0; Chorley 1, Stafford 1; Gainsborough 1, Southport 1; Grantham 4, Rhyl 0; Hyde 3, Morecambe 1; Macclesfield 2, Workington 1; Marine 4, Goole 1; S Liverpool 1, Horwich 0.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Congleton 1, Prescot 0; Darwen 0, Caernarfon 2; Formby 2, Leek 0; Lancaster 3, Leyland 1; Penrith 6, Glossop 0; Radcliffe 0, Burscough 2; St Helens 1, Netherfield 2; Stalybridge 4, Bootle 2; Winsford 1, Accrington Stan 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bradfieldians 3, Brentwood 1; Carthusians 2, Cholmeleians 1; Malvernians 0, Chigwellians 0. First division: Ardinians 3, Wellingburians 2; Citizens 1, Salopians 2; Reptonians 2, Etonians 3; Wykehamists 3, Aldenhamians 2.

Fourth division

Aldershot	2	Hartlepool	1
Chesterfield	1	Crewe Alexander	3
Doncaster	3	Mansfield	1
Halifax	2	Hereford United	1
Peterborough	0	Wrexham	1
Tranmere	3	Torquay	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York City	23	15	4	4	51	23	49
Doncaster R	24	12	8	4	44	31	44
Blackpool	23	13	2	8	32	22	41
Reading	24	11	7	6	53	39	40
Aldershot	25	11	6	8	29	38	39
Bristol City	22	12	2	8	36	19	38
Colchester U	22	10	7	5	39	21	37
Peterborough U	24	10	6	8	39	27	36
Northampton T	23	9	9	5	28	23	36
Stockport C	25	10	6	9	37	35	36
Crewe Alexdra.	23	10	5	8	28	34	35
Bury	22	9	6	7	35	28	33
Tranmere R	24	8	9	7	32	29	33
Torquay United	24	8	7	9	33	39	31
Swindon Town	22	8	5	9	31	28	29
Halifax Town	24	7	7	10	24	37	28
Wrexham	23	6	9	8	29	31	27
Darlington	23	8	3	12	19	24	27
Chesterfield	24	5	12	7	28	32	27
Mansfield T	24	6	6	12	34	42	24
Hereford U	22	5	8	9	17	28	23
Rochdale	23	5	7	11	32	46	22
Chester	23	2	8	13	19	42	14
Hartlepool U	24	3	5	16	19	48	14

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Arsenal 3, Cambridge 4; Charlton 2, Watford 2; Chelsea 6, Spurs 2; Fulham 2, Southend 0; Gillingham 2, QPR 2; Norwich 2, West Ham 1; Orient 0, Millwall 4; Portsmouth 2, Ipswich 3.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP, Second round, second replay: Eastbourne 1, White Hawk 2.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Barnstaple 1, Clevedon 1; Chippenham 2, Weston Super Mare 2; Devizes 1, Dawlish 3; Exmouth 3, Saltash Utd 1; Frome 0, Bideford 0; Liskeard 0, Taunton 0; Mangotsfield 2, Melksham 0; Minehead 1, Bristol MF 0.

SOMERSET PREMIER CUP: Wellington 2, Clandown 2.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Berkhamsted 0, Banstead 2; Burnham 4, Camberley 0; Edgware 2, Thatcham 2; Rackwell H 0, Redhill 2; Haringey 0, Chertsey 4; Harwich and P 1, Kingsbury 1; Horley 0, Hoddesdon 1; Ruislip 0, Chalfont St 1; Whyteleafe 1, Marlow 1; Wolverton 3, Harefield 6.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Ashington 0, Bishop Auckland 0; Blyth S 2, North Shields 2; Evenwood 2, Consett 1; Greins 3, South Bank 3; Tow Law 3, Whitby 1; Whitley Bay 1, Billingham 1.

Scottish FA Cup Second round

Arbroath	0	Stirling Albion	[illegible]
Cowdenbeath	2	Montrose	[illegible]
E Stirlingshire	3	Fraserburgh	[illegible]
Gala Fairydean	0	Inverness Cal	[illegible]
Peterhead	1	Berwick Rangers	[illegible]
Queen of the South	0	East Fife	[illegible]
Stranraer	1	Queen's Park	[illegible]

Postponed: Dunfermline v Forfar

Scottish Premier division

Dundee	4	Hearts	[illegible]
Hibernian	1	St Mirren	[illegible]
Motherwell	2	Celtic	[illegible]
Rangers	1	Aberdeen	[illegible]
St Johnstone	1	Dundee United	[illegible]

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Aberdeen	20	15	3	2	52	12
Celtic	20	12	5	3	48	22
Dundee Utd	19	11	4	4	36	18
Hearts	21	7	7	7	23	29
Rangers	20	8	4	8	29	27
St Mirren	20	5	9	6	28	30
Hibernian	21	8	3	10	29	34
Dundee	20	7	2	11	28	39
St Johnstone	20	5	0	15	19	54
Motherwell	21	1	7	13	16	42

Scottish first division

Airdrieonians	1	Raith Rovers	[illegible]
Alloa	1	Morton	[illegible]
Ayr United	2	Partick Thistle	[illegible]
Clydebank	3	Falkirk	[illegible]
Dumbarton	4	Kilmarnock	[illegible]
Hamilton	1	Clyde	[illegible]
Meadowbank	2	Brechin	[illegible]

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP, second round: Chester Le Street 1, Seaham 1 (aet); Cleveland Br 1, Wingate 0; Crook 1, Horden 3; Dawdon 1, Billingham Tn 1 (aet); Durham City 0, Norton 1; Spennymoor 0, Shildon 2.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 0, Watford 1; Swansea 4, West Ham 4. Postponed: Southampton v Fulham.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 0, Linfield 2; Ballymena 2, Newry 0; Carrick 0, Crusaders 1; Cliftonville 0, Larne 3; Distillery 2, Coleraine 1; Glentoran 6, Bangor 0; Portadown 2, Glenavon 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: WBA 0, A. Villa 2.

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP, Second round, third replay: Hertford 3, Essex 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Alfreton 4, Arnold 2; Bentley 4, Sutton 5; Bridlington 2, Appleby Frodingham 0; Guisborough 0, Belper 1; Mexborough 0, Emley 2; Spalding 1, Heanor 1; Thackley 3, Guiseley 0; Winterton 3, Boston 0.

ICE SKATING

Torvill and Dean prepare for an unusual challenge

From John Hennessy, Budapest

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean have arrived here to play an unusual role in the European Championships this week – as challengers rather than champions.

They have been unbeaten in any competition since finishing fourth in the world championships at Dortmund in 1980, but they were unable to defend their European title in Dortmund a year ago because of an injury to Miss Torvill.

In their absence the gold medal fell to their natural successors, Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin, who were, however, overwhelmed, along with everyone else, by the British couple a month later in the world championships in Helsinki.

Torvill and Dean have made changes to their controversial Bolero free programme, first revealed to the public in the British championship at Nottingham in November, controversial because it relied entirely on one rhythm rather than ringing the conventional changes. It was not to everyone's liking, particularly that of Robin Cousins, who did confess to something short of omniscience in the dance. John Curry on the other hand regarded it as superior to last year's programme, *Barnum*.

Too much should not be read into the *Bolero* changes, since it is rare for any programme, free or original set pattern (OSP) to survive through the whole season. Neither was retained intact last year. It was a need for change that led to Miss Torvill's calamitous fall in training before the European Championships and the difficult "death drop" at the beginning of their rock 'n roll OSP was not part of their Nottingham programme.

Meanwhile, Bestemianova and Bukin have no doubt been racking their brains and their bodies in an attempt to overhaul Torvill and Dean. With what success we shall see towards the end of the week. They would seem to be the only possible threat to British supremacy.

With the reappearance of Torvill and Dean and the burgeoning promise of Marina Klimova and her more experienced partner, Sergei Ponomarenko, Karen Barber and Nicky Slater will clearly be desperately extended to retain the bronze medals they won last year, particularly as Slater has been afflicted by a back injury.

The same group of compulsory dances has been drawn as those at Nottingham, a Paso Doble, Westminster Waltz and the Rumba, a dance which brought the British couple their first compulsory six, a landmark even for them.

GOLF

Hickory stands up to final analysis

By Nicholas Keith

Andy Edmond, a Cambridge undergraduate, aged 20, became the second youngest winner of the President's Putter at Rye yesterday. In a thrilling final, he won at the first extra hold against Ted Dexter, the holder, who has now finished runner-up four times.

Edmond, of the Ganton club, who is in his final year reading law at Trinity College, survived a scrappy start, when he was let down by the replica hickory putter which he bought in Hull six months ago; but, in the end, it was the soundness of his short game under pressure which won the match.

Dexter was two up after five holes, with Edmond three-putting twice, on a crisp day blessed by brilliant sunshine and with only a moderate breeze blowing. Edmond won the short seventh (161 yards) with a three, and then squared the match at the ninth (294 yards), by holing a bunker shot for a birdie three. He thus stunned the gallery, who had chortled when his caddie asked if he wanted the pin attended.

This blow set Dexter back on his heels. He lost his ball in the gorse by the [illegible]lenth green, and the hole with it. Then he missed a three-foot putt at the twelfth, to go two down.

However, some superb long-iron play put Dexter back in the driving seat. He took the thirteenth (43[illegible] yards) with a four, and drew level at the fifteenth (429 yards), where Edmond mis-hit his second from a tricky uphill lie. At the sixteenth (418 yards), Dexter struck an imperious two-iron to four feet and, although he failed to hole the putt, Edmond's four-footer for a half stayed out.

At the seventeenth (24[illegible] yards), Edmond's drive was short and to the right, but he scrambled a half in three, to stay in the match. Both men pushed their drives into a deep gully at the eighteenth, but Dexter found a hideous lie, and could shift his second shot only some one hundred yards down the fairway, whereas Edmond, from a better position, was pin high.

A superb approach gave Dexter a seven-foot putt for the match, but he could not dispatch it and Edmonds won the hole with a four, for a round of 74. At the first extra hole, Edmond had the better drive, and he was down in two from off the green, sinking an eight-foot putt for the match.

FOURTH ROUND: A Disley bt D W Johnson, 3 and 2; S A Sharpe bt G S Melville, 2 and 1; N I Grant bt R J Bisson, 3 and 2; E R Dexter bt R H Tickell, 2 holes; I Armitage bt W H Barclay 2 and 1; W J Uzielli bt S C R Twigden, 3 and 2; J N Caplan bt G C Penfold, 3 and 2; A G Edmond bt D E F Simons, 1 hole.

FIFTH ROUND: Disley bt Sharpe, 3 and 2; Dexter bt Grant, 5 and 4; Uzielli bt Armitage, 1 hole; Edmond bt Caplan, 3 and 2.

SEMI-FINALS: Dexter bt Disley, 2 and 1; Edmond bt Uzielli 19th.

FINAL: Edmond bt Dexter, 19th.

HOCKEY

[illegible]ome-made hopes lift England

By Sydney Friskin

England's success in regaining the [illegible] countries indoor championship at the Meadowbank Sports [illegible]re in Edinburgh on Saturday [illegible] given them fresh hope for the [illegible]pean championship, to be held [illegible] same venue, from February [illegible]12.

Scotland, after a 4-4 draw with [illegible]nd in the final match, and an [illegible] 7-3 defeat by Ireland, are left [illegible] an agonizing period of [illegible]raisal.

[illegible]vid Cawthorn, the team [illegible]ger of the England indoor side, [illegible] the next part of the buildup to [illegible] European event, would be a [illegible]ng day at RAF Newton, near [illegible]gham, next Saturday.

[illegible] far as our performances in [illegible]rgh are concerned, I am [illegible] happy with the way things are [illegible]," Mr Cawthorn said. "At [illegible]gham we shall consider [illegible] of changes before going on to [illegible]gue for the HEM tournament [illegible]uary 21 and 22". The squad [illegible] assemble at Lilleshall for a [illegible] training weekend from Feb[illegible] 3 to 5.

[illegible]rring to the game against [illegible]nd, he added: "They always [illegible]eir game against us, although [illegible] miss a number of easy [illegible]. A couple of our new [illegible] froze, but we tried a [illegible]ful experiment by pushing [illegible] up front and bringing Saint [illegible] middle".

[illegible] it was Clarke, the captain, [illegible]ved the match for England by [illegible] from a late corner after [illegible] had given Scotland a 4-3 [illegible] from a penalty stroke. Clarke [illegible]lier brought England back to [illegible].

[illegible] vastly improved Irish, who [illegible] second, were well served by [illegible]on, Crawford. Martin and [illegible] England finished unbeaten [illegible] matches, having scored 26 [illegible] and conceded 14. Their [illegible] were so superior that they [illegible] have won the title even if [illegible] lost narrowly to Scotland.

[illegible]RS: Home countries indoor [illegible]ship: Scotland 3, Ireland 7; England [illegible] 3; Ireland 7, Wales 3; Scotland 4, [illegible] Final placings: 1, England 5pts; 2, [illegible]; Scotland 3; 4, Wales 0.

[illegible]od weekend for South

[illegible] South of England had two [illegible]s over South Wales in the [illegible] matches on Saturday at [illegible] Abbey. Joye Whitehead [illegible] the A match. Hobley and [illegible]ored goals in the second [illegible] passes by Harding and [illegible].

[illegible]day the West of England [illegible]th matches with South [illegible] Swansea. Sandra Pearson [illegible] the A match. She shot the [illegible]s was kicked into goal by a [illegible] defender. Sally Manley [illegible]st for South Wales B and [illegible] brought in as a substitute [illegible] team. She scored in both [illegible].

R[illegible] S[illegible]aturday: South of England A 2, W[illegible] A 0; South of England B 4, South W[illegible]; S[illegible] Yesterday: West of England A 1, W[illegible] A 1; West of England B 1, South [illegible]

BASKETBALL

EBBA fear Solent will shun final

By Nicholas Harling

As an astonishing prelude to tonight's Asda Cup final, the English Basketball Association have put Crystal Palace, the beaten semi-finalists, on stand-by for the game with Planters Leicester at the Albert Hall. They are afraid that the holders, Sperrings Solent Stars, will not appear to defend the trophy which they have won for the past two years.

Palace, who were defeated by Solent in the semi-final, have been sent 15 tickets for players and officials by the EBBA, who are worried that Leicester might have no opponents for a game, the second half of which is being televised live

The EBBA's concern stems from a disagreement with the recently-formed Basketball Owners' Association, whose requests concerning relegation between the first and second divisions and prize money have been rejected. Because Harry Smith, the founder of Solent and their former chairman, is on the BOA committee of three which promised it would "take whatever action it felt appropriate" in protest, the EBBA want to guard against Solent taking the most drastic action possible, which would be to pull out of the final.

Smith, who says he was informed by a "reliable source" tht Palace had received the tickets, added: "They seem to think that I'm the ringleader of he BOA and that Solent might just not turn up. They've arly identifies by sending our semi-finalists, Palace, the tickets. This is victimisation of Solent."

Smith went on to alleviate EBBA fears by saying: "Of course we'll be there. We've sold £3,500 worth of tickets, have arranged coach parties."

Leicester are one of ony two teams – Palace are the other – to have beaten Solent this year, doing so by 64-62 in a league fixture at Eastleigh in November, when Solent's passing and shooting left a lot to be desired.

RACKETS

Hazell retains under-21 trophy

Shannon Hazell, the Wellington professional, retained the under-24 rackets Swallow Trophy yesterday at Queens Club, defeating the Middlesex cricketer, Richard Ellis, 15–6, 13–18, 7–15, 17–16, 1–8 (William Stephens writes). The powerful and aggressive Ellis delights in getting his foot to the pitch of the ball and hitting the cover off it. Hazell used his superior fitness, speed and anticipation to place loose balls low precisely to a length and Ellis, who had match point at 16–14 in the fourth game, often attempted exciting kill-shots and hit-downs.

In the Eric Angus Real Tennis Cup, sponsored by George Wimpey, the Queen's professional, Gerard Parsons, having eliminated Male, showed his talent at both delicate and forceful play beating the Cambridge captain, Thane Warburg 6–0, 6–1.

RUGBY UNION: TRIAL AND ERROR IN SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL CAPS

England look over their shoulders

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England 18
The Rest 15

Trials are often what the name suggests. Yet they are on the whole a necessary evil; players, particularly those in the disignated senior side, generally loathe them, but, like the examination system in schools which some progressives would abolish, they serve a purpose.

England's trial at Twickenham on Saturday, won by a goal, three penalty goals and a dropped goal against five penalties, served to emphasize how narrow is the gap between those currently in the senior side and their pursuers. As Richard Greenwood, England's coach, said afterwards: "There will not be many in the England side who are not looking over their shoulders."

Today the senior squad who are to gather at Bisham Abbey on January 21 for a training weekend will be announced, and we will get a clearer idea of the selectors' intentions regarding the team for the Calcutta Cup match on February 4. More specifically, there may be clues about the composition of the front row, back row and half backs, the main areas of doubt.

The Rest's back row did more than enough to suggest that Scott, Simpson and Winterbottom cannot rest easy in their beds. After a comparatively diffident first half they dominated the game, robbing England in the tackle several times, and above all, if that is the right expression, they got down to the ball.

The back row who played against New Zealand in November was the right one against an All-Blacks side who play in a more upright style. In the domestic championship every country need their share of grovellers who, like Rives, the French captian, work in mysterious and not infrequently



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Trigg decided he had not ...ed the ball properly, and ...'s running on the left two try-scoring chances were not taken.

...eway restated his case for ...ht-head prop position but ... not be enough to oust ... who held steady at the ...ages and contributed ... touches in the loose. ...nd's most decisive area ...the lineout, where Bain... held sway, and in the centre, where Davies produced an effective all-round game.

Unfortunately, Barnes had one of his poorer days as stand-off for the Rest. Inevitably, he and Hill took time to adjust as a pair, but Barnes overdid the tactical kicking when his three-quarters needed to show their hand. Palmer left just after the interval with a torn rib cartilage which is likely to keep him out for at least a fortnight, and without having had the chance to prove himself, little was seen of Preston and Swift. Though Bailey was always a threat with the ball in his hands, one worries about what a French wing might do to his defence.

Hill, the Bath scrum half, will have gained considerable credit. He has a whippy service, on which he wisely concentrated, and a keen eye for the gap, making the run past Scott and Paul Simpson which might have earned the try for Fidler. Stringer kicked five penalties in five attempts, which is good shooting by anyone's standards from all ranges and in a tricky wind. He missed a sixth which would have levelled the match, but Hare, who received the greater test, showed that his overall game has not slipped.

Hare kicked three penalties in the first half, but missed four other attempts. He also converted a try by Davies, the culmination of good approach work by Cusworth, Woodward, Paul Simpson and Slemen, which gave England a 15-6 half-time lead. Stringer brought the Rest back to 15-15 before Cusworth dropped a typical goal.

Winterbottom went off with a bruised hip which is not likely to trouble him greatly, and the selectors expressed some satisfaction that the Rest had given England such a turbulent time. The England players may not have looked at it in quite the same kindly light.

SCORERS: England: Try: Davies. Penalties: Hare (3). Conversion: Hare. Dropped goal: Cusworth. The Rest: Penalties: Stringer (5).

ENGLAND: W Hare (Leicester); J Carleton (Orrell), H Davies (Wasps), C Woodward (Leicester), M Slemen (Liverpool); L Cusworth (Leicester), N Youngs (Leicester); C White (Gosforth), A Simpson (Sale), G Pearce (Northampton), P Simpson (Bath), M Colclough (Wasps, captain), S Bainbridge (Gosforth), P Winterbottom (Headingley) (rep: G Rees, Nottingham), J Scott (Cardiff).

THE REST: N Stringer (Wasps); A Swift (Swansea), J Palmer (Bath) (rep B Barley, Wakefield), N Preston (Richmond), M Bailey (Cambridge University); S Barnes (Bristol), R Hill (Bath); G Sargent (Gloucester), S Mills (Gloucester), P Blakeway (Gloucester, captain), J Gadd (Gloucester), J Syddall (Waterloo), J Fidler (Gloucester), D Cooke (Harlequins), M Teague (Gloucester).

Referee: A Trigg (London).

Choice of Scottish team delayed

By Iain Mackenzie

Blues 3
Whites 21

The fact that the Scottish team to play Wales at Cardiff on January 21 was to have been announced yesterday but will not now be chosen until Wednesday at the earliest tells the story of the trial at Murrayfield on Saturday.

The so-called second XV were so far ahead of Scotland that one wondered how the selectors had contrived to organize a side who went down so easily. It was a wonder that Scotland had managed to score 25 points against the All Blacks recently.

The weather may have been partly to blame. It was freezing from start to finish. The wonder was that so many turned out to watch. There was even an apology from the Scottish Rugby Union. "We are sorry so many of you had to wait so long at the turnstiles to get in", the loudspeaker boomed.

Those waiting beyond the gates were perhaps fortunate. The Scottish side huffed, puffed and tried almost everything else. What they did not do was justify their reputation. A solitary penalty goal from Dods, still Scotland's finest full back with his perfect timing into the tackle and his tactical kicking to touch, was all the senior side mustered.

On the other hand, the juniors, if that term is allowed after Saturday's debacle, ran in four tries. It appeared that easy. The first was Robertson's. The Melrose man, who has had so much trouble, looked sharp as he went through the first tackle by Renwick and the next one by Johnston.

The Blues stayed on the White's line for long spells. Indeed, after the interval they were there almost the whole time. They went for a pushover try twice but failed to reach the line.

At scrum half, Hunter was well out with his passing and the old hand, Laidlaw, proved yet again that age does not matter too much.

SCORERS: Blues: Penalty: Dods. Whites: Tries: Robertson, Tukalo, Laidlaw, Campbell. Conversion: Hastings. Penalty: Hastings.

Blues: P Dods (Gala); J Pollock (Gosforth), J Renwick (Hawick), D Johnston (Watsonians), R Baird (Kelso); J Rutherford (Selkirk), G Hunter (Selkirk); J Aitken (Gala, captain), C Deans (Hawick), I Milne (Heriot's FP), J Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), W Cuthbertson (Harlequins), T Smith (Gala), J Beattie (Glasgow Academicals), J Jeffrey (Kelso).

Whites: G Hastings (Watsonians); S Munro (Ayr), K Robertson (Melrose), R Gordon (London Scottish), I Tukalo (Selkirk); D Wylie (Stewart's Melville FP), R Laidlaw (Jedforest); G McKenzie (Highland), R Cunningham (Bath), N Rowan (Boroughmuir), A Campbell, A Tomes, S McGaughey (all Hawick), (rep F Calder, Stewart's Melville), I Paxton (Selkirk), D Leslie (Gala, captain).

Referee: A Hosie (Glasgow).

TENNIS

Czechoslovaks take the champagne but leave verve behind

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid, who confess that they are not an automatic choice as Czechoslovakia's Davis Cup partnership, beat Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson, 1-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in two hours and 26 minutes in the final of the Albert Hall doubles tournament, sponsored by Barratt Developments, yesterday afternoon. The winners received almost £50,000 (plus magnums of Lanson champagne and an array of Waterford Glass) and the losers half as much.

Neither team could maintain peak form in a final that was always interesting and mostly admirable, but which contained few lyrical passages. They evidently had left a little verve behind them in a demanding sequence of four previous matches. The all-play-all series also took something out of the teams who had been seeded to reach the final, Fritz Buehning and Peter Fleming, and Mark Edmondson and Sherwood Stewart, whose best form deserted them in Saturday's semi-finals.

An odd feature of the event's 12-year history is that it has only twice been won by all-American teams. By contrast, European partnerships have been successful five times, including the last three. With the heavyweights out of the way, there seemed to be every prospect of a dazzling final embellished by imaginatively creative patterns. Such phases often occurred, but more fitfully than had been expected.

Slozil and Simonsson each lost four service games; Smid and Jarryd only one each. The critical period was probably when Simonsson's service broke down. He lost two break points against him in the last game of the third set, and although the Swedes remained in charge, Simonsson lost all three of his service games in the fourth set. Twice the Swedes broke back. But there was no third chance. Then Jarryd faltered for the only time in the match: and that break was enough to decide the fifth set and the match.

Perhaps we should have read the signs. In two previous matches the young Swedes – still an improving team – had won the last two sets of five-set matches. This time, Slozil and Smid did the same. Jarryd and Simonsson began well, excelling in their returns of service, their fast reactions at the net and their delicate use of the short angles.

Slozil and Smid persisted in their frequent use of the tandem formation – a strategy that had served them well against the Swedes at Wembley. This inhibited Simonsson's cross-court forehand returns and made it more difficult for the agile Jarryd to intercept. The Czechoslovaks returned service well, especially from Simonsson's abundance of second balls, and played ransomlessly sound doubles that always respected the odds.

Both teams had been beaten once during the complicated series. The referee, Alan Mills, is to recommend that the system of qualifying from this series to the semi-finals could and should be simplified, and thus made more intelligible to players and public.

Whichello at his best

One of the more impressive aspects of Richard Whichello's 6-4, 6-3 defeat of Sean Cole in the final of the British junior covered court championships, sponsored by Prudential, at Queens, was the atmosphere in which the match was conducted, Lorraine Mair writes. In the past any game between these two could be guaranteed to have its nastier moments. On Saturday, however, the aggression was channelled in the right direction and produced some enterprising and eminently watchable tennis.

Nor was the improvement in on court discipline confined to Whichello and Cole. Where as in other national junior age group events there have often been several official warning slips on the referee's desk by the end of the week, only one warning was handed out at Queen's – and that for nothing more sinister than "abusive ball" in a plate match.

Amanda Grunfeld's victory over Lisa Gould in the girls' singles final was well deserved. Miss Grunfeld always had the edge in control, and won 7-6, 6-1.

BOYS' SINGLES: Final: R Whichello bt S Cole 6-4, 6-3.
GIRLS' SINGLES: Final: A Grunfeld bt L Gould 7-6, 6-1.
BOYS' DOUBLES: Final: B Knapp and Whichello bt D Shand and M Walker 6-0, 7-6.
GIRLS' DOUBLES: Final: S Longbottom and J Smith bt C Wood and J Wood 6-1, 6-2.

Aberavon recover nearly succeeds

By Gerald Davies

Aberavon 14
Swansea 18

Neither side have had much of a season as yet. The consistency of recent years seems to have deserted Swansea and it is only occasionally these days they are able to put their act together. Aberavon have never really recovered since John Bevan, their one-time coach, left them to go on to higher things with the national XV.

Both sides, too, have had their share of injuries during the early part of the season which disrupted their plans. They were both back to nearly full strength on Saturday, but just when it seemed an appropriate time to make a proper assessment of their true strength, the weather came and nearly spoiled it all.

Neither side quite managed to come to terms with the wind and the intermittent showers of sleet and rain, in the way that Llanelli did so masterfully earlier in the week. The did, none the less, provide a full-blooded and entertaining encounter which Swansea can consider themselves lucky to have won by a goal and four penalty goals to a goal and two tries.

Having found that they were unable to cope with the conditions, the players were over-ambitious in the amount of passing and running they did. Mistakes ensued and, as it happened, in the first half the advantage went largely in the visitors' favour. Wyatt kicked four penalties to show, for all his lack of match practice, that he still has his eye in on those matters in which he excels. He also superbly cor Richards's try from the touch

So there it was, Swansea and little sign that Aberavo capable of making a match o change round at half-time s a change in tactics and fortun Aberavon forwards took co with Martin moving up an the lineout and using his va of experience to steal much possession.

But scrummaging prov vital phase, and with the v their favour Abera von spe of the time encamped com within Swansea's 22-metr Jenkins frequently held the his feet at No 8, which fruitful, for Aberavon Swansea back all of 10 me Bassett to get a pushover try.

Then Matthews made a c midfield break, leaving R clutching at air, to run 30 m score a brilliant try. Lew verted. Jenkins held again, t to release the ball for Giles up and dive over for the try.

Aberavon stretched every and muscle for the winning but Swansea's defence, w Moriarty brothers and Rob hard core, held out.

SCORERS: Aberavon: Tries: Bassett, Giles. Conversion: Lewis. Swans Richards. Conversion: Wyatt. Penalti (4).

Aberavon: J Griffiths; L Keen, G Ma Thomas, K James; M Lewis, R Joseph, W James, S Hopkin, M E Martin, A Owen (captain), A Bassett.

Swansea: M Wyatt; D Williams, D (captain), G Jenkins, A Emyr; M Williams, C Williams, J Herdman, S Davies, T Cheeseman, R Moriarty, G P Moriarty.

Referee: M Crouch (Cardiff).

result to ncourage Moseley

By David Hands

...seley began the season in ...ay after a spate of injuries and ...till without two experienced ...ards, Jeavons and Davidson. ...hey took heart from Saturday's defeat by Cardiff at the ...ings. They matched the high-...ng Welsh try for try and came from a nine-point deficit to 20-19 before Lakin's try, ...erted by Gareth Davies, carried ...iff through.

...avies remains three points short ...is club record but he converted ...e tries and kicked a penalty goal. ... (2) and Hadley scored ...diff's other tries. Moseley's tries ...e from Hunter (2), Tuckwood ... Barr, Perry converting twice ... enjoying a sound game at stand-half.

...aced with a demanding week-... Wasps rested several regulars ...inst Richmond but still emerged ...14 winner of a curious game in ...ich two Richmond forwards were ...t off in what was otherwise a ...gularly clean encounter. Hess, the ...k, and Probyn, a prop, received ...eir marching orders from George ...awford, a referee whose approach ...mmands respect from players and ...ectators alike.

In such straitened circumstances, ...feat for Richmond was inevitable, ...hough they played well in the first ...alf when, with the wind, they ran ...a 10-0 lead. Tries by Roxburgh, ...hitehead and Edwards and a ...nversion by Janes were out-...eighed by Wasps tries from Simon ...mith, Titcombe, Cardus, the ...nderrated Lozowski, Williams and ...sichei. Willians added three ...onversions and a penalty.

The final of the county colts ...hampionship, sponsored by the ...ational Westminster Bank, will be ...etween Devon and Lancashire on ...anuary 21, with Torquay a likely ...venue. Much good work by the ...lfracombe stand-off, Kift, carried Devon to an unexpected 10-4 win ...over Middlesex at Imber Court. Kift kicked a penalty and a dropped goal and Vanstone, the Devon wing, scored a try against one from Jackson, the Wasps lock.

Lancashire dominated the second half of their game yesterday with North Midlands at Moseley. They trailed 6-4 at the interval, Rogers (Hereford) kicking two penalties and Lancahire's try coming from Hassall, who has played in Orrell's senior side this season. ...ott (Vale of Lune) and Boland (Wigan) scored the second half tries, Wakefield (St Helens) kicked a penalty and a conversion in Lancashire's 17-6 win.

Coventry count their losses in victory

By Gordon Allan

Coventry 18
Neath 9

Coventry found pleasure and pain at Coundon Road on Saturday: pleasure in a good win over Neath by three tries and two penalty goals to a goal and a penalty, pain in seeing three players added to their long list of injured.

In the first half, Fardoe, one of their locks, broke a knuckle and Mollerchip, a centre playing his first senior game for Coventry in two years, tore a hamstring. Ten minutes before the end, Summers, a wing, injured an ankle, which meant that, with both replacements already on the field, Coventry finished the match with 14 men. Fardoe, at the least, joins those who are not expected to be fit for the John Player Cup tie against Leicester on January 28.

Neath have not won at Coventry for 20 years. Even when they had a stiff breeze to blow them in the right direction in the second half, and led 9-7, they did not convince anyone that they were going to break the spell.

Their scrum half, Gnojek (pronounced Nayak), started like a whippet and a dummying run of his almost conjured an early try for Rees. But Neath waned, Coventry waxed, and he was played out of sight by Lander.

A penalty by Lakeyt and a try by Saunders, for which Bevan made the cut, gave Coventry a 7-0 lead at half-time – not enough, it seemed, with the wind to be faced. Childs kicked a penalty and 10 minutes afterwards the Neath forwards rushed Williams over the line for a try that Childs made into a goal.

Coventry took a deep breath and countered. Johnson scored their second try from a tap penalty and Thomas their third from a Lander break. Thomas, a flanker, was on the winmg by then, having been put there when Summers departed. Finally, Coventry's seven forwards heeled against the head, Neath infringed in their 22, and Fairn, one of the replacements, kicked the penalty.

SCORERS: Coventry: Tries: Saunders, Johnson, Thomas. Penalties: Lakey, Fairn. Neath: Try: Williams. Conversion: Childs. Penalty: Childs.

COVENTRY: H Bevan; E Saunders, J Cooke, C Millerchip (rep M Fairn), M Summers; M Lakey, P Lander; L Johnson, S Brain, S Wilkes, N Malik (capt), R Fardoe (rep P Edwards), B Kidner, P Thomas, R Travers.

NEATH: A Payne; E Rees (capt), C Bridgwater, K Jones, S Powell; B Childs, C Gnojek; B Williams, P Hitching, S Dando, G Jones, H Richards, A Vaughan, L Jones, A Hopkins.

Referee: G James (Leicestershire).

Irish delay final choice

By George Ace

After a meeting lasting nearly five hours in Dublin on Saturday night, the Irish selectors were still unable to name a complete line-up for the opening five nations championship game against France in Paris on Saturday week.

The full back position has been left vacant until next Saturday, when Hugo MacNeill, the Oxford University capotain, will play for Blackrock College and John Murphy will be in action for Greystones. Both are recovering from injury.

The team includes one new cap, Rory Moroney, aged 24, of Lansdowne and Leinster, who displaces Michael Kiernan, the British Lion, in the centre. Keith Crossan, the Instonians and Ulster left wing, wins a second cap after a lapse of two seasons, taking over from Moss Finn.

The unchanged pack will have amassed 253 caps between them when they take the field in Paris, where the loose-head, Phil Orr, will equal Ray McLoughlin's Irish record of 40 caps as a prop forward.

A N Other; T Ringland (Ballymena), D Irwin (Instonians), R Moronnesy (Lansdowne), K Crossan (Instonians); O Campbell (O Belvedere) R McGrath (Wanderers); P Orr (O Wesley), C Fitzgerald (St Mary's, capt) G McLoughlin (Shannon), J O'Driscoll (London Irish), M Keane (Lansdowne), D Lenihan (Con), F Slattery (Blackrock), W Duggan (Blackrock). Replacements: T Ward (St Mary's), T Doyle (Greystones), H Harbison (Bective Rangers), D Spring (Bagneeres), J McCoy (Dungannon).

Welsh power in pac

By Michael Stevenson

Wales 9
Scotland 3

Leek triumphed over thistle at Wrexham on Saturday, though not before Scotland had posed enough prickly problems in schools international (sponsored by Esso) to suggest that a 3-6 deficit at the interval might well be translated into victory.

Scotland last beat Wales in 1969, but the way Glasgow in the centre and the excellent milne on a flank tore joyously into their tasks, attacking and defensive allied to the sterling work of their locks, Scott and Main, hinted that Wales's interval lead might be too slender to protect them when they found the wind in the second half.

But the wind veered treacherously to aid Scotland far less second half than it had do in the first. Wales scru poorly in the first half a regularly disrupted by an ei shove. After the interval th and precision of their scrun almost brought a pushover more crucially, starved Sco possession.

For Wales, their No 8, had a storming match, scor try after charging down an touch kick by Parker. C lock, looked to be a player promise, especially as a jumper.

One facet of play in whic showed definite superiority half back. Jones and Eva sharper and more tacticall than their opponents. Perf was the vital difference bet sides.

Saracens' Vale of tears

By Bryan Stiles

Saracens 12
Ebbw Vale 16

When your team has gone 10 games without a win the experience is somewhat painful. If you happen to be Welsh the pain is even more acute. Ebbw Vale, for so long a major force raging through The Valleys, arrived in North London on Saturday aggressively determined to restore some pride.

They certainly succeeded in ending their humiliating run of defeats, but their red-blooded style of play did not win them many friends. The margin of their victory – one goal, one try and two penalty goals, to one goal and two penalty goals – would have been much greater if they had stuck to displaying their superior rugby skills instead of trying to intimidate their opponents.

The pressure to achieve success exerted upon the Welsh players by their angry supporters, their worried committee and their humiliating record combined to produce a frenzied atmosphere which cloaked their skills in panic whenever their line was threatened.

Ebbw Vale achieved a territorial superiority, winning the ball regularly in all phases of the forward play, but all too often they were driven back by the penalties of their indiscretions. When they concentrated on the finer points of the game, particularly at the start of the second half, they scored two tries.

Saracens were six points ahead after 28 minutes through Gregory's two penalty goals, but Best cut the deficit with a penalty just before half-time.

With the wind at their backs in the second half, the Welsh scored a pushover try through Davies which Best converted, and then Owen collected his try after Sibthorpe had punctured the Saracens' defence. A Best penalty put Saracens further in arrears but in a rousing finale the Londoners scored a fine try which Gregory converted.

SCORERS: Saracens: Try: Catchpole. Penalties: Gregory (2). Conversion: Gregory. Ebbw Vale: Tries: Davies, R Owen. Conversion: Best. Penalties: Best (2).

SARACENS: S Hancock; A Phillips, C Babayode, T Smithers, P Anthony; D Gregory, B Dunn; M Gentleman, S Hardy, J Williams, D Cooke, P A MacCrae, A Jaszczak, D Catchpole, A Keay (capt).

EBBW VALE: D Best; N Cleary, S Lewis, M Jones, M Owen; R Owen, K Norkett; M Sibthorpe, M Cooper, J Watkins, G Davies, J Williams, D Bidgood, D Boucher, C Dennehy (capt).

Referee: R P Russell (London).

Return for Perkins

The Pontypool lock, John Perkins was recalled to the Welsh squad today, five weeks after being sent off in a club match.

Perkins, who will be 30 next month, earned his fourth cap in Wales' heavy defeat in Romania and looks set to team up again with Cardiff's Robert Norster when Wales open their five-nations championship campaign against Scotland on January 21.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Brawl ends match

By Keith Macklin

The referee John Mean sat besieged in his dressing room at Oldham yesterday with a police constable standing outside his locked door. Mr Mean had earlier abandoned the Oldham v Leigh game after 59 minutes because of violent and sustained brawling between the players, refused to take the players back on to the field of play, and refused to emerge to explain his decision to press and media representatives.

The flare-up occurred shortly after Nadiola, of Oldham, and Varley had been sent to the sin bin with Leigh leading Oldham 26-14. Almost immediately fierce fighting ensued between the players and a police officer went on to the pitch to break up the melee. Mr Mean then took the teams to the dressing rooms.

It was expected that he would allow a cooling off period and then resume the game, but he refused to do so. Angry supporters, particularly those who had travelled from Leigh, demanded their money back at the Oldham club offices, and the general manager of the Leigh club, Mr John Stringer, said: "I have never seen anything like this in Rugby League."

David Oxley, the Secretary General of the Rugby League, said last night that he could not recall a game in Britain being abandoned because of fighting, though there had been abandonments through bad weather or walk-offs. He said the matter would be discussed at a management committee meeting on Wednesday, January 18, and added: "No action will be taken before then, because it would be unwise to act hastily in the heat of the moment, and we need the attendance of the referee and other parties concerned."

The only other known abandonment for brawling occurred in the French Cup Final two years ago when the game was abandoned after four minutes as all 26 players engaged in fisticuffs.

Wigan in top form

There were some magnificent matches in yesterday's programme. Wigan produced their best performance of the season in hammering Castleford 32-6. The Commonwealth Wigan pack containing three Australians, two New Zealanders and an Englishman, dominated the exchanges and West (2), Case and the expensive young starlet, Edwards, scored tries, with Whitfield kicking eight goals.

Leeds dramatically won the John Player trophy rehearsal, coming from 8-2 behind at halftime to beat Widnes 17-8. Coinway and the Australian, Webb, scored second half tries and Creasser kicked four goals.

Hull Kingston Rovers went to the top of the League winning 38-18 at Fulham, while Hull continued their return to top form by beating Bradford Northern 16-8.

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone R 30, Salford 18; Fulham 18, Hull KR 38; Hull 16, Bradford N 8; Oldham 14, Leigh 26 (abandoned after 60min because of fighting on the pitch); Wakefield 31, St Helens 22; Whitehaven 0, Warrington 20; Widnes 8, Leeds 17; Wigan 32, Castleford 6. SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 10, Swinton 12; Blackpool B 8, Workington Tn 2; Cardiff City 14, Barrow 26; Dewsbury 20, Doncaster 0; Halifax 28, Batley 10; Huyton 8, Keighley 12; Rochdale 29, Kent Invicta 10; York 10, Huddersfield 6. Postponed: Carlisle v Hunslet.

CHALLENGE CUP DRAW: Preliminary Round (dates to be arranged): Fulham v Swinton, Carlisle v Widnes. First Round: (weekend of February 11): Blackpool Borough v Hull KR, Cardiff City v Hull, Bramley v Wigan, Halifax v Wakefield Trinity, Whitehaven v Fulham or Swinton, Oldham v Huyton, Warrington v Huddersfield, Doncaster v Batley, Rochdale Hornets v York, Barrow v Workington Town, St Helens v Leigh, Carlisle or Widnes v Dewsbury, Bradford Northern v Featherstone Rov, Hunslet v Keighley, Kent Invicta v Castleford, Salford v Leeds.

Hull dazzle in a classic

By John Clemison

Fulham 18
Hull Kingston Rovers 38

It was a privilege to be at Craven Cottage yesterday where a sparkling Hull Kingston Rovers side improved their chances of taking the championship with a resounding victory over Fulham in one of the best club matches I have ever seen.

By the break, they were 22-0 ahead, Prohm himself touching down twice and Burton adding a fourth. Dorahy kicked three of his four chances at goal before the interval.

Was this to be Fulham's heaviest defeat? Ten minutes into the second half, the Craven Cottage faithfuls were given a glimmer of hope as Mills crossed for his first try after Diamond and Stockley had each been held short. Diamond added the goal.

Hull sruck back with Laws' second try, again from Prohm's break, but tries by Jackson, an Australian playing only his second game for the Londoners, and Mills, both improved by Diamond, brought Fulham to 26-18 with just 16 minutes left.

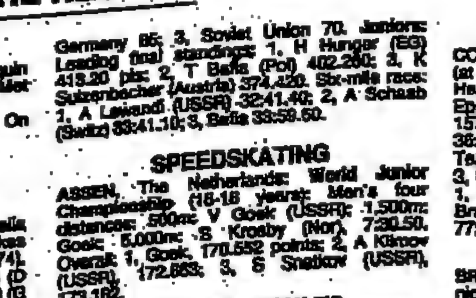
Hull made sure of the game with tries by Hartley an Dorahy. Dorahy kicked the goal for each.

FULHAM: D Allen; S Mills, T Stockley, S Diamond, C Jones; D Eckersley, R Bowden; H Beverley, A Kinsey (rep S Hoare), J Doherty, R Jackson, M Herdman, D Hull.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: G Fairbairn; G Clark, M Smith, G Prohm, D Laws; J Dorahy, G Smith; M Broadhurst, D Watkinson, J Millington, A Kelly, (rep L Casey), C Burton, (rep S Hartley), D Hall.

Referee: S Haigh (Wakefield).

FOR THE RECORD



RUGBY UNION

International Trials

England 18 The Rest 15 (at Twickenham)

Blues 3 Whites 21 (at Murrayfield)

Club matches

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CRICKET

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SPEEDSKATING

[illegible]

SQUASH RESULTS

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HOCKEY

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ATHLETICS

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BOXING

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NORDIC SKIING

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CRESTA RUN

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CROSS COUNTRY

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CYCLING

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GOLF

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REAL TENNIS

[illegible]

DARTS

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BASKETBALL

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IN BRIEF

YACHTING: The executive director of the Australia II syndicate, which won the America's Cup, has reacted angrily to attempts by the New York Yacht Club to retain the right to use the Cup's name. Warren Jones said: "We hope this is not an attempt to stop promotions by us in the United States."

The Times reported on Thursday that the NYYC had applied to register the America's Cup as a trade mark. It would enable the club to continue to use the name on souvenirs and club equipment.

Cricket: The unofficial West Indian side beat a South African XI by six wickets in a one-day, 50-over match in Durban yesterday

SCORES: South Africa XI 220 (49.6 overs; K S McEwan 60) West Indians 184 for 4 (40 overs).

CROSS COUNTRY: Invicta Athletic Club's six-year hold on the Kent senior men's championship was ended on Saturday when Elliott AC relegated them to second place at Bexleyheath (David Powell writes). Elliott also provided the individual winner, Alan Guilder, the only non-international in the first eight. Mike Gratton, the London Marathon champion, was sixth.

HOCKEY: The former Indian full back, Surjit Singh, aged 33, has been killed in a car crash in the north Indian state of Punjab, one before his scheduled benefit match.

SNOOKER: The defending champion, Steve Davis, moved into the quarter-finals of the Lada Cars Classic yesterday, crushing the out-of-touey former world champion, John Spencer, 5-1 at Warrington.

SKIING: The British Universities team lost in the hotly-contested Anglo-Swiss Universities Championships in St Moritz yesterday. However, the British captain, Bruce Simpson (Cambridge), fought off a strong Swiss hallenge to win the individual event.

RACING: CHELTENHAM HOPES ADVANCE CLAIMS

Burrough Hill Lad's golden touch

By Michael Seely

The spectacular victory of Desert Orchid in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on Saturday provided another striking example of the inherent romance of the winter game. Over 20 years ago Jimmy Burridge was a struggling solicitor, who spent his Saturdays hunting with the Belvoir on his £100 purchase, Grey Orchid.

Yet there he was at the races on Saturday, now a high-powered company lawyer, watching his son, Richard, welcome his former hunter's grandson back into the unsaddling enclosure after recording his fourth victory from five starts over hurdles this season.

For a few strides at the second flight from home, it looked as though I Haventalight might succeed in launching a challenge. John Francome had ridden the last-named against Desert Orchid before, and was determined not to allow the favourite too much rope. But his efforts were to no avail as Desert Orchid's speed and lightning jumping had enabled him to build up too long a lead to be caught. I Haventalight was as tired as the winner at the finish.

The Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle at the National Hunt Festival is now the natural target for Saturday's winner. "Desert Orchid has earned a good rest," David Elsworth said. "He's done us proud and today's race came a bit too soon for him. He might have one more run before Cheltenham." Dodgy Future, the favourite for the Triumph Hurdle before the race, was completely carried off his legs by the furious gallop and finished last.

Steeplechasing's premier meeting is still over two months away, but all over the country horses were thrusting forward their claims to be considered as leading contenders for those rich prizes. The atmosphere at Sandown was as electric as it always is in this natural amphitheatre and the highlight was Burrough Hill Lad's easy in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Chase.

Jenny Pitman's eight-year-old earned a 20–1 quote for the Gold Cup after following up his recent Welsh National win with an easy defeat of Lucky Vane and Everett. Little Owl, the winner of the 1981 Gold Cup, was a first fence casualty and was lame after the race. Corbiere, the hero of the 1983 Grand National, also fell when well placed at the 16th jump.

Whether Burrough Hill Lad will be capable of coping with Wayward Lad and Bregawn at level weights is still anybody's guess. However, Mrs Pitman's judgement had been shown to be as sound as ever about this fast improving young chaser. "I don't want to overdo him. He's much stronger than last year when it was a job to keep the flesh on him", Mrs Pitman said. "He won't have more than two races before the Gold Cup. The Great Yorkshire Chase is a possibility. And if Corbiere is none the worse for his fall, he could well go for the Green Highlander Chase at Ascot on Friday." The Ascot race was also named as a possible objective for The Tsarevich by Nicky Henderson after the Lambourn trainer had landed a double by winning the "Le Gavroche" Novices Chase with Linawn and the Tante Claire Novices Hurdle with Childown.

Fluently though Linawn jumped, there can be no doubt that he would have been forced to settle for second place but for Aces Wild's near fatal blunder at the first of the railway fences. Francome received a well-deserved round of applause for having staged such a remarkable recovery, but it was noticeable that Fred Winter was not pleased.

The sensation up at Haydock Park, where Gambir once again proved himself to be one of the season's most exciting discoveries with a polished display of jumping in the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Qualifiers was of course Canny Danny's 10-lengths defeat of Bregawn in the New Year handicap chase.

Michael Dickinson, however, was justifiably delighted with the performance of Bregawn. "I thought he ran a marvelous race. I've never heard of any horse being asked to give 2st 3lb to a Sun Alliance winner before. Bregawn will probably come back to Haydock for the Peter Marsh Chase at the next meeting."

The feature at Nottingham this afternoon is the reappearance of Grittar in the Filldyke Handicap Chase. Frank Gilman, the 11-year old's owner, trainer and breeder, thinks that the winner of the 1982 Grand National will benefit from his first race of the season. "We've got him ticking over nicely," said the Rutland farmer, "but he'll definitely need it." As Ashley House, Dickinson's runner, could well have too much weight. The finish may be fought out between Mid Day Gun and Barrysville, with the former preferred.






Hearts are trumped: Aces Wild and John Franc[...] it of Linawn in Sandown's Le Gavroche Novices Chase. Francome had earlier staged a remarkable r[...]s Wild lost his footing (Photograph: George Selwyn)

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Dickinson	46	16	4	0	+10.45
F Winter	40	24	20	0	+9.25
J Gifford	39	37	29	2	−30.18
J Jenkins	36	25	17	9	−78.97
G Richards	35	25	22	3	−7.52
WAStephenson	34	25	25	0	−78.34
D Nicholson	30	23	28	0	−85.00
C Bell	26	25	24	27	−36.12
L Kennard	24	14	9	4	−18.17
N Henderson	22	17	7	0	+14.22
M Lambert	21	11	13	3	+4.46
D Smith	21	16	13	3	−41.60

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J O'Neill	74	65	47	4	−75.71
J Francome	65	47	28	3	−31.71
P Scudamore	63	44	39	2	−35.20
R Rowe	45	33	23	3	+55.89
H Davies	44	31	32	0	−6.56
S Smith Eccles	41	38	32	10	−66.91
N Doughty	34	28	32	1	−31.48
S Morshead	30	38	18	2	−31.85
A Webber	30	33	30	3	+60.15
P Tuck	29	29	25	6	−98.20
G Bradley	28	17	12	8	−27.50
K Jones	25	19	18	7	−68.56

Dreaper's drought may be over

Jim Dreaper, the Irish trainer, who has not had a top-class steeplechaser for several seasons, was thrilled by the jumping of Kilkilowen, who gave 38 lb and a six-length beating, to the useful handicapper, Good Example, at Naas on Saturday, Our Irish Correspondent writes. Kilkilowen looks sure to be a leading candidate for the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham in March.

Three other Naas winners are also likely to be included in the Irish team for Cheltenham. They are the four-year-old Manpower and See You Then (Triumph Hurdle) and the six-year-old Straight Air. (Sun Alliance Hurdle). See You Then, winner of his last four starts on the Flat, made a winning first appearance over jumps, landing a sizeable gamble for Con Collins's stable.

Chepstow

Going: Soft

1.30 DUCK HURDLE (Handicap: conditional jockeys: £868: 2m (21 runners)

1 40300-0 FORTUNE COOKIE (D) (R Entwistle) J Fox 12-11-12 .... S Moore
5 0320/10 PHARAOH'S OWN (J Davis) J Baker 7-11-3 .... –
6 004p-00 HIGH RIDGE (B) (E Lodge) J Perrett 5-11-3 .... D Chinn 4
9 400130 CROWECOPPER (D) (Peter Crowe Ltd) B Preece 5-11-0 (7 ex) .... –
10 0/p00-p WINMARIE (D) (A Newcombe) C Hill 6-10-13 .... G Playford 8
11 310/02- CAPTAIN FANTASTIC (C Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-10-13 .... S G Edwards 8
12 0p0/1-0 DAME SUE (D) (Metal-Woods Ltd) S Mellor 8-10-12 .... G Charles-Jones
13 2p-0043 TOPORI (J Pegley) S Woodman 5-10-12 .... R Chapman 4
14 31-0300 GUYWOOD (D) (B) (K Sykes) P M Taylor 6-10-12 .... R Pusey 4
15 02010-b ONLY GORGEOUS (D) (Mrs J Blakesley) P M Taylor 5-10-11 .... T Williams 4
16 2004/31 RIVA BE GOOD (M Fry) O O'Neill 7-10-11 (7 ex) .... M Caswell 4
17 11-0002 SPIKEY BILL (J Scanlon) J Fitch-Heyes 7-10-10 .... G Madgwick 4
18 p000-00 FLEDGE (K Cundell) P Cundell 7-10-9 .... Michael Rimmer 4
19 4001-30 MARCH FANDANGO (D) (Mrs S Pattemore) S Pattemore 5-10-9 .... C Cox 4
20 u-0143p TIDY WORK (D) (L Waring) L Waring 5-10-8 .... P Croucher
21 012/03- KENO HILL (D) (Mrs G Davison) A Davison) 9-10-8 .... –
23 00400/p ANGOSTURA (R Williams) M Pipe 8-10-8 .... J Hurst 4
25 00030p- SNAPPER CREEK (Mrs S Oliver) O O'Neill 8-10-8 .... –
26 1- GOLD TYCOON (C Woolford) J Spearing 5-10-8 .... W Hayhes 4
27 p0/pf-p GOLLYNO (D) (Mrs E Kennard) Mrs E Kennard 7-10-8 .... P Stone 4
30 u0-pf0u STREET GIRL (D) (Mrs P Woodfield) J Bradley 9-10-8 .... M Rowley 8

11-4 Fortune Cookie, 7-2 Crowecooper, 6 Topori, 8 Riva Be Good, Spikey Bill, 12 Captain Fantastic, Pharaoh's Own, 16 others.

2.0 TATTERSALLS CHASE QUALIFIER (Novice mares: £1,289: 2m) (16)

1 1 BOOLY BAY (B Chinn) B Chinn 7-11-1 .... –
2 00-14r2 MEGGIES DENE (D) (Mrs R Barrett) W Barrett 8-11-1 .... S Johnson
3 030-310 WIN GREEN HILL (R Fry) J Old 8-11-1 .... P Murphy
4 0000-p0 AMBER PALACE (Mrs H Houlbrooke) Mrs H Houlbrooke 6-10-10 Mr T Houlbrooke
5 up0 APRIL BOW (B) (J Elliot) K Bailey 8-10-10 .... –
6 0-32330 BADSWORTH GIRL (Mrs V Hurst) R Frost 6-10-10 .... J Frost
7 u3p0-0f BOUNDLESS GRACE (Miss P Neal) Miss P Neal 10-10-10 .... W Smith
8 p2-04p0 CASSLEY (B) (L Merson) G Merson 11-10-10 .... Mr Peter Hobbs 4
11 b-f2p40 EIROSA (P Amey) B Stevens 9-10-10 .... C Brown
14 00 HYDROGEN (R Moody) Miss L Bower 7-10-10 .... M Bastard
16 40-000f LIGHT OF ZION (R Manning) R Manning 7-10-10 .... E Waite
17 0 MISTY FORT (J Sumner) T Forster 6-10-10 .... H Davies
22 p-0 ROYAL BREEZE (K Bishop) K Bishop 9-10-10 .... J Hurst 7
23 2-01004 SAFFRON'S DAUGHTER (G Clarke) D Gandolfo 6-10-10 .... P Barton
24 314203 SEE MY STYLE (K Hart) D Grissell 8-10-10 .... R Goldstein
25 b00-0b2 WEALTHY (M Low) M Scudamore 8-10-10 .... Mr M Low 4

5-2 Meggies Dene, 100-30 Booly Bay, 4 Wealthy, 11-2 Win Green Hill, 8 Badsworth Girl.

2.30 PHEASANT CHASE (Handicap: £1,763: 2m (7)

1 102324 JIVAGO DE NEUVY (R Grand) J Webber 9-12-7 .... M R Grand
2 01310-0 BALLYROSS (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 13-12-0 .... H Davies
3 03p-221 JUBILEE MEDAL (D) (B) (Mrs T Ponsonby) N Henderson 7-11-4 .... J Francome
4 2p/00-1 APPLALTO (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 10-11-4 .... A Webber
5 01-31p2 SWEET KYBO (Lady Becher) J Gifford 10-11-3 .... P Double
6 30/1p2- MOOD MUSIC (C,D) (S Richards) B Stevens 12-10-12 .... C Brown
7 1102-03 GEMELEK (P Bingley) J Old 8-10-3 .... P Murphy

15-8 Jubilee Medal, 11-4 Applalto, 4 Sweet Kybo, 13-2 Gemelek, 12 Ballyross, 16 Jivago De Neuvy, Mood Music.

3.0 RABBIT HURDLE (Div I: novices: £1,441: 2m 4f) (20)

2 041 PADDY BORO (Mrs F Tyrwhitt-Drake) J Gifford 6-11-11 .... W Smith
3 01 PARISH RIGGED (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-11 .... H Davies
4 031 SELL WELL (D) (E Gittins) D Barons 8-11-11 .... J Frost
5 00-10 MISTER LORD (S Tindall) S Mellor 5-11-8 .... J Nolan
6 410 ONLY FOR LOVE (D) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-8 .... P Scudamore
8 p-p00 CHARLIE JOHN (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 9-11-6 .... –
9 00 EARLY NITE (B) (I Potter) P Pritchard 6-11-6 .... Miss H Hart
10 0 ERICA'S GENERAL (N Brooks) J Brooks 8-11-6 .... L Bloomfield 4
12 fpf FISHER BOY (Mrs R Parris) D Nicholson 8-11-6 .... J Suthern
16 REMEMBER ROCK (Mrs J Dent) P Bailey 6-11-6 .... R Linley
19 0 STREAMER (Lt-Col J Deacon) K Bailey 6-11-6 .... –
24 030 MASTER BOATMAN (APD Insulations) P M Taylor 5-11-3 .... A Carroll
25 0 TORSIDE (G C Bisgrove Ltd) K Bishop 5-11-3 .... J Hurst 7
27 f3003 GOLDEN HORNET (K Dunn) K Dunn 6-11-1 .... –
30 0 MEANT (Mrs J Edwards) Miss P Neal 7-11-1 .... R Hoare
32 24-3201 SCOTCH PRINCESS (Mrs J Chugg) R Chugg 6-11-1 .... J Burke
33 2-00 SILVA LINDA (R Broad) P Winter 6-11-1 .... J Francome
34 p YOUNG GIPSY (Mrs C Marles) M Williams 6-11-1 .... –
35 4442 BRAVE MAIDEN (G Palmer) M Pipe 5-10-12 .... P Leach
36 p MISTY LOUGH (W Williams) L Kennard 5-10-12 .... C Brown

5-2 Paddy Boro, 3 Paris Rigged, 9-2 Sell Well, Scotch Princess, 8 Mister Lord, 12 Silva Linda.

3.30 GROUSE CHASE (Handicap: £2,096: 3m) (13)

2 0/233-2 LAST SUSPECT (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 10-11-9 .... H Davies
3 02-424u SAINT TAFFY (C) (Mrs L Dresher) J Webber 8-11-6 .... A Webber
5 210-004 DODDINGTON PARK (D) (Mrs C Prideaux 11-11-4 .... J Francome
8 312-011 DINGBAT (C) (A Boyce) J Wright 8-10-13 (4 ex) .... –
9 12-13ff FREDO (CD) (Sir R Wates) J Gifford 11-10-11 .... P Double
13 001112 FRED PILLINER (D) (N Johnson) M Scudamore 7-10-14 .... M Williams
14 2-14041 TRISKA (A Hunt) L Kennard 8-10-4 (4 ex) .... C Brown
15 121p4-p MR GUMBOOTS (T Hughes) Mrs J Barrow 10-10-1 .... J Suthern
17 p-03004 LENEY DUAL (D) (B Brooks) D Nicholson 9-10-0 .... P Scudamore
18 2-23u00 HADAJAR (A Morris) M Tate 9-10-0 .... –
20 0331/1- COLD SPELL (D) (Ld Leverhulme) S Mellor 12-10-0 .... J Burke
24 3f343f BALLYCULLO (Miss L Bower) Miss L Bower 9-10-0 .... M Bastard
25 0/3p0p HIGH APPEAL (J Whateley) M Oliver 13-10-0 .... DOUBTFUL

7-2 Dingbat, 4 Saint Taffy, 11-2 Fred Pillner, Triska, 6 Last Suspect, 10 Doddington Park, Fredo, 14 others.

4.0 RABBIT HURDLE (Div II: novices: £1,515: 2m 4f) (20)

1 033131 SAMMY LUX (K Dunn) K Dunn 6-12-2 .... Mr P Schofield 4
3 102202 QUITE HOT (N Ayliffe) N Ayliffe 5-11-8 .... M Ayliffe 4
5 04f20u BENI (H Handel) M Pipe 8-11-6 .... P Leach
8 00/0 CAVALRYMAN (Capt A Pratt) J Gifford 8-11-6 .... P Double
10 p DRUMADOWNEY (Lady Vestey) T Forster 6-11-6 .... H Davies
12 0 GRANDOUGE LANE (C House) J Old 7-11-6 .... P Murphy
13 300 GOLD EPEE (I Stungo) D Nicholson 6-11-6 .... P Scudamore
20 f- NOBLE NODDY (M Williams) M Williams 9-11-6 .... –
22 u00-034 REBEG (Ld Astor) T Forster 7-11-6 .... –
27 00422-0 SQUIRE TRELAWNY (G Noye) D Barons 7-11-6 .... J Frost
28 00p-0 STORIES GOLD (B Le Marquand) T Hallett 6-11-6 .... B Wright
29 0 WESTON WOODMAN (C Miller) S Mellor 6-11-6 .... J Nolan
31 0b COMEDY LANE (A Stoddart) B Forsey 5-11-3 .... P Croucher 7
32 0 CRIMSON KNIGHT (Cherry Tree Stables) S Harris 5-11-3 .... J Francome
35 0-34340 WOODLAND GENERATOR (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 5-11-3 .... A Webber
36 00p-p BLOND SOLDIER (Mrs N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 .... –
38 0p LITTON MISS (B) (Mrs H Vincent) R Hodges 6-11-1 .... C Brown
40 0 JUST LUCK (Cmdr C Balfour) N Gaselee 5-10-12 .... V McKevitt 4
41 010 TEDDINGTON JEWEL (R Frost) R Frost 4-10-10 .... J Frost
46 0 PARADISE STRAITS (Miss J Lane) S Woodman 4-10-0 .... W Smith

6-4 Sammy Lux, 5-2 Squire Trelawny, 9-2 Quite Hot, 13-2 Crimson Knight, 10 Cavalryman.

Chepstow selections

By Michael Seely

1.30 Riva Be Good, 2.0 Win Green Hill, 2.30 Jubilee Medal, 3.0 Paddy Boro, 3.30 Dingbat, 4.0 Squire Trelawny.

Nottingham selections

By Michael Seely

12.45 Homeola, 1.15 Even Melody, 1.45 Ole Faithful, 2.15 Fearless Seal, 2.45 Mid Day Gun, 3.15 Outlaw.

Nottingham

GOING: chase course, good to firm; hurdles, good.

12.45 ANNESLEY HURDLE (Div I: novices: £606: 2m) (17 ru[nners])

2 0-01200 ODIC (C,D) (R Wright) R Wright 9-11-7 ....
4 CROWLAND BRIG (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 5-11-5 ....
6 002-032 FALKLAND HERO (C Slack) J Webber 5-11-5 ....
8 00 HOOAKA (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 7-11-5 ....
9 23 HOMEOLA (R Mann) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-5 ....
10 00 ICE LAD (T Connop) D Nicholson 5-11-5 ....
11 JUED LAD (E Murtagh) A Potts 5-11-5 ....
13 0p0-0 MAN OF MARK (Mrs A Hellyer) T Forster 5-11-5 ....
14 0-40003 MESA KID (L Dickinson) F Gibson 5-11-5 ....
15 0p-0000 NERO WOLF (T Webster) O Brennan 7-11-5 ....
17 4400-33 OPTIMISTIC DREAMER (R Whiting) L Lightbrown 5-11-5 ....
22 000 BRIGHT IMP (R Bethell) P Calver 5-11-0 ....
24 BENMORE (B Arnold) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-7 ....
26 0 DAN ZAKI (Elisha Holding) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-7 ....
28 402 NO BUTTS (C Perks) R Hollinshead 4-10-7 ....
29 0 REMAINDER LINE (G Cooper) T Kersey 4-10-7 ....
31 00 KATIE BOURNE (P Finn) E Carter 4-10-2 ....

11-4 Homeola, 7-2 No Butts, 4 Falkland Hero, 7 Optimistic Dreamer, 14 Kat[ie Bourne, Dan] Zaki, Man Of Mark, 20 others

1.15 DALESIDE CHASE (handicap: conditional jockeys: £1,1[...]

4 143331 EVEN MELODY (C,D) (S Green) N Crump 15-11-12 (5 ex) ....
5 u22410 SWIFT ALBANY (D) (R Robinson) R Robinson 10-11-1 .... M[...]
9 0p1-4ff LOCH RYAN HOUSE (D) (J Hardy) O Brennan 7-10-0 ....
10 4pu-430 FLITTERMORE (Miss N Taylor) R Peacock 13-10-0 ....

8-15 Even Melody, 7-2 Loch Ryan House, 4 Swift Albany, 16 Flittermore.

1.45 SARACEN'S HEAD HURDLE (handicap: £1,259: 2m 6f) 1[...]

3 33100-p SUDBROOKE PARK (C Hague) N Crump 6-11-7 ....
4 002-001 OLE FAITHFUL (A Leighton) A Leighton 5-11-7 (6 ex) ....
6 /0010-0 CORDUROY (D) (A Westmarland) D Nicholson 8-11-5 ....
9 f0-d00 MR JET (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 6-11-1 ....
10 /21403- CELTIC SLAVE (C) (B Hellyer) T Forster 7-11-1 .... Mr [...]
11 0/12044 DROPSHOT (C,D) (G Moses) G Balding 8-10-11 ....
12 0/01-0 TARQA (Mrs C Postlethwaite) Mrs C Postlethwaite 6-10-11 ....
13 0b01-20 MY BRAVE (G Johnson) N Henderson 6-10-10 .... S[...]
15 00-fpuf QUEEN MEANDER (Mrs T Stopford-Sackville) N Henderson 8-10-[...]
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[...] Dropshot, 7-2 Celtic Slave, 5 Ole Faithful, 6 Tarqa, 9 Lochrun, 10 Corduroy, 14 My Brave [...]brooke Park, 20 others.

[...] NOTTINGHAM CHAMPION CHASE (novices: £2,211: 2m 6f) (3)

0310-21 FEARLESS SEAL (Sir G Glover) R Hollinshead 7-11-8 .... J O'Neill
41-1212 MASTER TERCEL (C) (T Barnes) J Spearing 8-11-8 .... S Morshead
04-0441 SMITH'S MAN (Smith Mansfield Meat) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-8 .... M Bastard

[...]11 Fearless Seal, 15-8 Smith's Man, 4 Master Tercel.

[...] FILLDYKE CHASE (handicap: £1,979: 3m 4f) (5)

310-220 ASHLEY HOUSE (D) (J McLoughlin) M W Dickinson 10-11-13 .... R Earnshaw
01/020- GRITTAR (F Gilman) F Gilman 11-11-10 .... –
40-0204 MID DAY GUN (R Gibbons) J Webber 10-10-1 .... G McCourt
2-01112 BARRYSVILLE (C) (Andrew Baird) P O'Connor 8-10-0 .... –
424-02u BRAVE JACK (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 9-10-0 .... S Morshead

[...] Mid Day Gun, 9-4 Ashley House, 7-2 Barrysville, 8 Grittar, 14 Brave Jack.

[...] ANNESLEY HURDLE (Div II: novices: £594: 2m) (16)

122223 CHUCKBUCK (D) (S Smith) S Smith 7-11-12 .... C Bell 4
30-021 OUTLAW (B) (H White) W Clay 5-11-12 .... J O'Neill
BEAM OF LIGHT (R Bethell) R Bethell 7-11-5 .... A Dickman
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0000 HILLSDOWN LAD (B Ingamells) J Harris 6-11-5 .... J A Harris
f4-0023 MIDSUMMER BOY (B) (J Rose) W Wharton 7-11-5 .... S J O'Neill
04 MOLON LAVE (H Wellington) K Morgan 7-11-5 .... A Webb
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[...]10 Outlaw, 9-2 Molon Lave, 6 Chuckbuck, 10 Cumulus, 12 Midsummer Boy, 16 Sir Rob [...] Rental, 20 others

Results from Saturday's [m]eetings

Sandown

1.0 1, Benny's Boy (9-2); 2, Spinning Saint (15-8 fav); 3, Royal Radar (9-4). 5 ran.

1.30 1, Desert Orchid (5-6 fav); 2, I HaventALight (4-1); 3, Horn Of Plenty (50-1). 6 ran.

2.0 1, Burrough Hill Lad (11-8 fav); 2, Lucky Vane (10-1); 3, Everett (7-2). 9 ran. NR, Two Swallows, Sailor's Return.

2.30 1, Linawn (2-1); 2, Aces Wild (4-5 fav); 3, Ryedale (11-1). 8 ran. NR: Gamer.

3.0 1, Childown (8-1); 2, Southernair (16-1); 3, Everseal (13-2). Easter Lee 5-2 fav. 23 ran.

3.30 1, Playschool (15-8 fav); 2, On The Warpath (5-1); 3, Barrister Boy (8-1); 4, Upham Kelly (16-1). 18 ran. NR, Queensway Boy, John Willoughby.

Haydock

12.45 1, King's College Boy [...] Leah Run (8-1); 3, Big Brown [...] Antony Joe, Money From America [...] 19 ran. NR, Ruby and Sapphire.

1.15 1, Gambir (8-11 fav); 2, Orp [...] 3, Tartan Trader (6-1). 6 ran.

1.45 1, Stand Easy (9-2); 2, Kriste[...] 3, Jungle Jim (9-1). Macs Park 11-8 [...] NR Cardinal Flower, Rag Dancer, [...] Bay.

2.15 1, Canny Danny (11-4); 2, Br[...] fav); 3, Rupertino (20-1). 5 ran.

2.45 1, Deo Gratias (13-2); 2, B[...] (20-1); 3, Little Ginger (11-2); 4, Bed[...] 1). Llacca Paddy 7-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: [...]

[...]1, Don't Wait (10-1); 2, Golden Tr[...] Keep A Promise (13-2). 12 ran. NR: S[...]

[War]wick

[...]1, Gallant Buck (3-1); 2, Admiral's [...] 11-4 fav); 3, Corn Street (4-1). 19 ran. [...]

[...]1, Marshell Key (6-1); 2, Drink Deep [...] 3, Rock Fall (16-1); 4, Mac Kelly (15-1) [...] NR Macs Park, Stand Easy, Nimble [...]mperium, Menford, Platts Piece.

[...]1, Brunton Park (1-2 fav); 2, Roysonal [...] 3, Northern Bay (10-1). 14 ran. NR: [...]on.

[...]1, Sea Pennant (7-1); 2, Stans Pride [...]; 3, Harescaugh (8-1). 12 ran. NR: [...]m.

[...]1, Virgin Soldier (11-4 jt-fav); 2, [...] Bar (15-2); 3, Lucky Rew (100-30). [...]mick 11-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. NR: Coolern[...]

[...], Rouspeter (16-1); 2, Maldon Lady [...], Saucy Vulgan (33-1). Celtic Princess [...]v. 18 ran.

Soba for stud

Soba, the champion northern sprinter, has been retired to stud and her first covering will be by Golden Fleece, Derby winner, who stands in Ireland. David Chapman her trainer, said "It was only finalised yesterday as to whether she would stay in training or go to stud.

I shall be sorry to lose her, but I think it's the best thing really." Soba has not been sold but the resultant foal will be shared by Robert Sangster the owner of Golden Fleece, and Soba's owner, Mrs Muriel Hills.

La crème de la crème

Educational

HORIZONS

The Times guide to career choice

Sixth-form job seekers, ac

Beryl Dixon advises school-leavers with A-levels on the various forms of employment open to them

New year should be the time for action by sixth-fomers who intend to enter employment rather than take higher education at the end of their course. They may have spent the autumn term watching with a wry smile the rush to apply to universities and polytechnics, even feeling annoyance at the attention showered on higher education applicants in schools. Now that UCCA HAS closed its lists, that most other college applications have been made, and that employers are beginning to assess their recruitment needs, these sixth-formers should find that the spotlight turns on them. If they have coasted along so far, making no plans, they may get a rude shock when they discover that many employers will soon be expecting to receive applications. Some, in fact, are already interviewing.

In the current unemployment situation, what jobs are available and how marketable are those A levels gained at the end of two years? Certainly the number of openings for holders of A-levels has decreased, andit is disappointing for young people to discover that possession of two or three such qualifications is not an automatic passport to a job. Parents too, are often suprised to find that the jobs they would have obtained at 18 years of age now demand higher qualifications.

Insufficient knowledge of the opportunities available and of the relevance to them of A-levels frequently leads to disappointment. Eighteen-year-old school-leavers often expect a more interesting first position or grater of seniority than employers are prepared to give, and careers advisers grow weary of the questions "How can I use my French?" and "What use is history?". Unless the subjects are sciences, and a specifically scientific career is the aim, it is advisable to regard A-levels as a general qualification only.

Any A-level course *should* have taught skills how to interpret facts, presenting ideas in relevant form, work with a degree of independence and organize a work load. The combination of these skills with numeracy, willingness to continue learning, and personal qualities relevant to the particular job, produce what most employers see as a person worthy of further training.

Entry levels

Several factors have caused the decline in opportunities for A-level job-hunters. The last decade has seen a general upgrading of entry levels as certain jobs have become more technical. Others have adopted higher entry standards for a less obvious reason. Quite simply, too many graduates chasing too few jobs have gradually taken over areas once open to 18-year-olds. A glance at the increased number of graduates employed in the Civil Service, in Health Service administration, accountancy and retailing confirms this trend.

The recession, too, has been a contributory factor. Many employers now find that the provisions of management training schemes for 18-year-olds is an expensive proposition, and they prefer to recruit from those who have taken business studies courses.

Social service departments find it cheaper to organize a short training and acclimatization course for a student leaving a full time social work training course than to train a school-leaver over several years.

Journalism vacancies have also been hit by the removal of grants to editors taking trainees and many now take only students who have learnt the basics on a one-year full-time course, although it is still possible to find local newspaper editors who prefer to train young reporters in their own methods.

Some employment has never been easy to enter at the A-level stage. Most engineering companies, for example, recruit apprentices at 16 and diploma holders or graduates at 21, while others sponsor 18-year-olds through higher education. There are exceptions, as some companies, notable the BBC, area electricity boards and GEC do have training schemes relevant to A-level leavers, but provision varies from region to region, and generally speaking, the 18-year-old hoping to avoid further full time education has always experienced difficulty in finding suitable employment.

So far the picture looks rather depressing. However, there *are* jobs for those willing to look hard for them, ready to be flexible in their choice and prepared for a certain amount of routine work at the beginning. Willingness to move may also be advantageous, as some types of employment are only found in the larger cities.

Many jobs in the fields of commerce and finance are almost always available every year. Most of the big banks are already accepting applications, and Lloyds began to interview candidates as early as last December. Not only the high street banks but also the trust divisions and merchant banks should have openings, as should the Bank of England, which has branches in certain cities outside London.

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6.30 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 8.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; the day's television previewed at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; horoscopes at 8.35; Diana Moran's exercises and Audrey Eyton's Rise and Shine between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.00 Mind How You Go. Jimmy Savile presents the first of a ten-part series on how to avoid road accidents (r) 9.10 Gardener's World. Presented by Geoff Hamilton from Barnsdale (shown on Friday) 9.35 Songs of Praise from Guildford (shown yesterday) 10.10 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan 10.55 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.00 Pebble Mill at One Frank Delaney discusses with a literary agent and a publisher the whys and wherefores of getting a book published. 1.45 The Flumps.

2.00 See Hear! A magazine programmes for the hearing impaired (shown yesterday) 2.25 The Hidden Land. The varied offerings of Spain for the naturalist holidaymaker (r) 3.10 Face the Music. Joseph Cooper presents another musical quiz, this week with a political panel consisting Shirley Williams, Denis Healey and Toby Jessel (r) 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 The Amazing Adventures of Morph (r) 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Heathcliff. Adventures of a marmalade cat 4.25 Jackanory. Valerie Whittington reads part one of Mouldy's Orphan, by Gillian Avery 4.35 Finders Keepers. Richard Stilgoe with the first of 12 computerized general knowledge quizzes.

5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Blue Peter with news of a competition to design a garden to be shown at Britain's first International Garden Festival to be held on Merseyside.

5.40 Sixty Minutes includes national news from Richard Whitmore at 5.40.

6.40 Rosie, by Roy Clarke. With Paul Greenwood as Rosie and Tony Haygarth as PC Wilmot (r).

7.10 The Dukes of Hazzard. When a coach carrying a team of Russian gymnasts breaks down in Hazzard the good old country boys helps one of the team to defect.

8.00 The Thorn Birds. Episode two of the five-part adaptation of Colleen McCullough's romantic novel and Father Ralph (Richard Chamberlain) is the object of two women's desires – 75 years old Mary (Barbara Stanwyck) and the young and beautiful Meggie (Rachel Ward).

9.30 News.

9.55 The Hollywood Greats. Barry Norman presents a portrait of John Wayne (see Choice).

10.45 Vietnam: Children of the Dust. A Panorama Special in which Jeremy Paxman accompanies former GI Jim Carroll as he returns to Vietnam to find his teenaged son whom he left behind when the Americans withdrew from Vietnam in 1975.

11.38 News headlines.

11.40 Toni Basil Special. A showcase for the terpsichorean talents of the American entertainer (r).

12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; Money news at 6.40 and 8.45; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.20; cartoon at 7.25; guest of the day Paul Jones at 7.40; pop video at 7.55; star romance at 8.08; television highlights at 8.33; and the TV-am doctor at 9.03.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Hawaii Revisited. With author James Michenor as he explores the culture and natural beauty of the islands. 11.15 Science International. A brief look at scientific research. 11.20 Wild, Wild World of Animals. The hardy creatures that inhabit the Great American Desert. 11.45 The Little Rascals* in Honkey Donkey. With Jackie Cooper.

12.00 Alphabet Zoo. Ralph McTell and Nerys Hughes with Nigel the Nightingale. 12.10 Let's Pretend to the story of The Naughty Reflection. 12.30 A Bit on the Side. Advice for those interested in working from home (r).

1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston. 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Grace Mulligan and Sarah Brown prepare a vegetarian dinner party. 2.00 Superstar Profile. Margot Kidder-Lois Lane in the Superman films (r).

2.30 Snooker: The Lada Classic 1984. Dickie Davies introduces the match between Mark Wildman and Silvino Francisco. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. The first of a new drama series set in a community advice office.

4.00 Alphabet Zoo. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 He Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky. Part one of a superior serial adapted from a John Wyndham novel first published in 1968, starring Andrew Ellams as Matthew, a young boy who has a supernatural being living inside his head. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of cancer therapy.

6.35 Crossroads Sharon's resignation is the cause of a bitter argument between David Hunter and Adam Chance.

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . .? With Judith Chalmers and Chris Kelly. The first of a new series of holiday advice.

7.30 Coronation Street. Hilda Ogden tries to organise support for husband Stan's compensation claim.

8.00 The Jewel in the Crown. Episode one of the lavish 14-part series based on Paul Scott's Raj Quartet. The stories begin in 1942, a time when Mahatma Gandhi was demanding that the British leave India and when the Japanese, already conquerors of Burma, are poised to invade India. In Mayapore Daphne Manners arrives from England to help in the local British hospital and a young English-educated Indian reporter is arrested by the District Superintendent of Police. The Englishwoman's and the Indian's lives are destined to cross (see Choice).

10.00 News.

10.30 Snooker: The Lada Classic 1984. Dickie Davies introduces highlights of the day's play.

12.15 Night Thoughts from Paul Boateng, a solicitor and GLC member.



Susan Wooldridge as Daphne Manners in The Jewel in the Crown (ITV 8.00pm)

● A new series of THE HOLLYWOOD GREATS (BBC1 9.55pm) begins with the man who was, in the words of President Reagan, "the personification of the American ideal" – John Wayne. Written and presented by Barry Norman the programme quickly disposes of the string of B movie westerns that were Wayne's bread and butter during the 1930s and concentrates on his career from his first success, the 1939-made Stagecoach. His private life is not ignored and nothing seems to be omitted, from his three marriages (all to Latin American women), his right-wing politics to his final, painful, battle with cancer. A well-balanced tribute – something that we have come to expect from the knowledgeable Mr Norman.

CHOICE

● Granada's multi-million-pound dramatization of Paul Scott's novels, The Raj Quartet, gets off to a patchy start tonight. THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN (ITV 8.00pm) is sumptuously filmed, meticulously researched for historic detail (the story begins in 1942) but some of the characters lack credibility, notably the part of Daphne Manners, a young Englishwoman working as a hospital worker, played by Susan Wooldridge in a way that is reminiscent of Joyce Grenfell's Miss Gossage and because of this is difficult to take seriously in a romantic role. Tim Pigott-Smith is excellent as the local police superintendent with an inferiority complex, Ronald Merrick, and Art Malik as the serene, [...] educated Indian, Ha[...] also first class. Patc[...] episode may be but [...] action enough to ho[...] for the next 13 episo[...]

● Novelist Willia[...] written and narrates [...] a personal account o[...] the "hick" Georgian [...] immortalized in the 19[...] Wallace Stevens, STA[...] TALLAPOOSA (Radio [...] The town had fascina[...] since reading the wo[...] his witty and discernin[...] manages to capture t[...] of a kind of ghost town[...] the legendary friendlin[...] American is clearly mis[...] fascinating and comic [...] place that, for Boyd, I[...] be just another name o[...]

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

5.35 News summary with subtitles.

5.40 Film: Charlie Chan in Honolulu* (1938). The first of a season of films starring Sidney Toler as the wily oriental detective. In this story he solves the mystery of a murdered man on board a ship in Honolulu harbour and of a missing three million dollars. Directed by H. Bruce Humberstone.

6.55 Mary Renault – A Tribute. a repeat of the Omnibus programme of 1982 when the celebrated authoress, who died last month in South Africa, gave her first television interview. She talks to David Sweetman about her life as a nurse before and during World War Two, her early novels, how her interest in ancient Greek history developed and of her final publication, a trilogy about Alexander the Great (r).

7.20 A Question of Education. The first of a new series of five programmes in which a single speaker raises an issue and produces filmed evidence to support the case. This evening Dr John Rae, headmaster of Westminster School, argues the case for the reintroduction of academic selection in state schools and to support this claim he went to the Bronx School of Maths and Science in New York. After the film Dr Rae joins in a discussion, chaired by Professor Tessa Blackstone, with Andrew Fairburn, Chief Education Officer of Leicestershire, who finds Dr Rae's proposals "terrifying".

8.00 Neil Sedaka says . . . The American singer in concert at the Pebble Mill studio, which is packed with his fans (r).

8.45 The Best of Bob Monkhouse. The first of two programmes featuring highlights of Mr Monkhouse's recent series. Tonight's offering spotlights the talents of his American guests including Sid Caesar, Professor Irwin Corey, Marvin Hamlisch, Bob Hope, Rich Little, Joan Rivers, and Steven Wright.

9.30 Horizon: The Intelligence Man. A drama documentary by Stephen Davis about the scientific fraud perpetrated by Sir Cyril Burt. John Shrapnel plays Burt in a story that begins in 1970 and works back, studying the development of Burt's character from when he was at the height of his powers and influence in the University College of the 1930s, when he was secretive and pre-occupied with his theories of inherited intelligence. With Annabelle Legenton as Lady Burt.

10.40 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main stories of the day. Ends at 11.30.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Television Scrabble. The first of a new 25-part daily quiz game, presented by Alan Coren, editor of Punch, between two teams consisting of a member of the public and a celebrity. Computer graphics are used to display the Scrabble board and to choose letters at random for the contestants. Today's celebrity guests are Tessa Wyatt and Benny Green.

5.30 The Dick Van Dyke Show* By using their son Richie's toy intercom system, Rob and Laura eavesdrop on the conversation between two friends – a nasty trick that almost loses the Petrie's their old chums.

6.00 Here's Lucy. A raft trip down a river for Lucy and her family ends in predictable confusion.

6.30 Be Your Own Boss presented by Henry Cooper. Taking advantage of increased leisure time is the theme of today's programme. There are items on Romaine Hart who took on the big cinema guns with the highly successful Screens on the Green and Hill in London; on Taz Chatoo, a Muslim woman who has encountered racial, religious and sexist problems in the course of setting up her hairdressing business; and on Debbie Moore, the former model who started the hugely lucrative Pineapple Dance Studios in London.

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons includes a report from Lawrence McGinty on the effects of acid rain on trees and fish in Scotland. William Waldegrave, under-secretary of state for the Environment, is interviewed.

7.50 Comment. With a personal view of a matter of topical importance is writer Sasthi Brata.

8.00 Basketball: The ASDA Cup Final. Highlights of the first half and live coverage of the second in the game between Leicester and Solent.

9.00 A Childhood: John, Tina and Julia. The second programme of the delightful four-part series portraying different childhoods. The three children are schoolmates and they spend their summer holidays exploring the land around their Scottish Highland homes.

10.00 The Prisoner. A Western United States township is the setting for this week's plot to make the Prisoner crack. He is asked to become sheriff but refuses and is promptly jailed.

11.00 The Eleventh Hour. Our Voice of the Earth, Memory and Future. A Colombian-made documentary that combines the story of a peasant community's struggle to recover its land with an old legend about a landowner who makes a pact with the devil in order to rob the peasants of their livestock.

12.50 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Week from Northern Ireland 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, News Summary 6.45 Prayer for the Day 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's news 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4.
8.43 The Pledge by Friedrich Durrenmatt, abridged in 5 parts. Read by Bernard Hepton. (r) 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the week with Richard Baker.†
10.00 News; Money Box (r).
10.30 Morning Story: 'Rogue Wheels' by Andy Smith. The reader is the author.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel: Down Your Way visits Alton in Hampshire.(r)
11.48 Poetry Please!
12.00 News: You and Yours.
12.27 Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K Jerome, adapted in 3 episodes (2). Performed by the man who adapted the book, Jeremy Nicholas. 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour. Today's items include a report by Jill Burridge on what appears to be unfairness in the availability of life-saving treatment for sufferers from kidney diseases. Plus the sixth instalment of Over the Bridge.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Anderby Wold, by Winifred Holtby. The book has been adapted for radio by Gale Houston. Joanna Mackie plays the farmer's wife who is kissed in a cornfield – a kiss that has unusual repercussions. The narrator is Alison Fiske. Also in the cast: Derek Smith, Lorraine Peters and Nigel Anthony (r).†
4.30 Lost cause? Nigel Rees talks to individuals who are battling against the odds. Today: Marcus Wenner of the British Raelian movement.
4.40 Story Time: 'Diary of a Pilgrimage' by Jerome K. Jerome, abridged in five parts (1). The reader is Lance Percival.
5.00 News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Wea[ther] Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'clock New[s]
6.30 The First Half Centu[ry] Cooke considers so[...] Britain and the USA [...] through popular mus[ic] period. Tonight: Hard[...] (1929-1939)(r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Who needs a voice? [...] operatic bass Robert [...] considers how far pre[...] and politicians, for ex[...] on their voices for imp[...] the voices of Enoch P[...] Soper etcc (r).
8.00 The Monday Play 'The [...] Electronic Lover' by R[...] Edmunds, Keith Drinke[...] Bell and Nigel Hughes [...] this play (it begins as a [...] domestic comedy and [...] into a sombre and sava[ge] drama) about a young [...] paragon of Thatcherite[...] who is obsessed with [...] developing a new office [...] computer. His passion [...] aside everything and ev[...] else, including his wife [...] child.†
9.30 Kenneth Williams – AD [...] Entertaining reminiscen[ces] personal opinions.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts mag[...] 9.59 Weather.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'Nin[eteen] Eighty-four' by George [...] abridged in 15 episodes [...] reader is Kenneth Haigh[...]
10.30 The World Tonight, incl. [...] Financial World Tonight.
11.30 English Chamber Orches[tra] Handel, Delius, Elgar, Gr[...] Vaughan Williams; recor[...]
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND VHF as above exce[pt] 6.25-6.30 am Weather; Travel. [...] 2.00 pm Listening Corner. 5.50-[...] PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Stu[...] 4: Patients' Guide to the NHS (1)

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Francaix's Aubade for 12 c[...] Beethoven's Variations on [...] darem la mano, WoO 28; Haydn's Twelve Pieces for a [...] Musical Clock; and Back's S[...] No 1 in C.†

[...]ing Concert part two. [...]us's Luonnotar, Op 70 [...] Teru Valjakka, soprano). [...]'s Hungarian Dances Nos [...]20 (played by Michael [...]ff and Jean-Philippe Collard, [...] duet), and Walton's Viola [...]erto (played by Menuhin [...]he LSO).†

[...] Week's Composer. Charles [...]nod. Janet Baker sings his [...] Maria; and in the Messe [...]nelle Sainte Cecile, the [...]sts are Pilar Lorengar, [...] Hoppe, Franz Grass. With [...]ene Duclos Chorus and [...]aris Conservatoire [...]estra.†

[...]nc: Martin Jones (piano) [...] the Suite in C, 1920; [...]mezzo No 1 in A flat, 1944; [...] mouvements perpetuels.†

[...]honies by Ketting and [...] First UK broadcast of [...]gs Symph No 1. Also [...]n's Symph No100. On [...]ds.†

[...]x Berkeley and Edward [...] recital by Nigel Kennedy [...] and Peter Pettinger [...]). Berkeley's Sonatina, Op [...] Elgar's Sonata in E [...], Op 82.†

[...] Music: the BBC Scottish [...]ith Jane Manning [...]ano) in performances of [...]'s Symphony No 1. Frank [...]'s Two songs (Day after [...]nd Speak to me, my love); [...]beth Maconchy's Ariadne [...]ippett's Divertimento on [...]ger's Round.†

[...] Lunchtime Concert: [...]ms's Sonata in E flat, Op [...]o 2; Berio's Sequenza IX [...]rinet; and Messager's [...]au de concours. With [...]My Pay (clarinet) and Ian [...]n, at the piano.†

[...] Weekly: A repeat of [...]day's programme. [...]es Joan Chissell on A: [...] with the Schuberts, and [...] Brown on Lyadov (r).†

[...] Records: Sibelius's Violin [...]erto (kramer, soloist). [...]'s La Valse (Argerich and [...] two pianos), and Mahler's [...]h No 5 (Vienna Phil).†

[...]y for Pleasure: Among the [...] Natalie Wheen presents [...] Krommer wind octet and [...] Janacek's fanfares. The [...]rmers include the London [...]nt Trio.†

[...] for Organ: Martin Neary at [...]gan of Winchester [...]dral. Works by Couperin, [...]k (Choral No 2), Langlais, [...]erne (Toccato from [...]ame Suite, Op 53).†

[...]iebesverbot. Wagner's [...]ct opera (the title means [...]an on Love), sung in [...]an. Based on [...]speare's Measure for [...]ure. The cast includes [...]ann Prey, Wolfgang [...]er, Robert Schunk, [...]ich Lenz, Keith Engen, [...]a Hass, Alfred Kuhn [...]nd Grumbach, Herman [...] and Marianne Seibel. [...]he Bavarian State [...]estra and Chorus, [...]cted by Wolfgang [...]lisch. Act one.†

[...]at Tallapoosa: What [...]ned when the novelist William Boyd visited the town in the American south, after earlier disappointments in other towns.

8.45 Das Liebesverbot: the second and final act of the Wagner opera.†

10.00 Sun and Shadow: Stephen Games interviews the Indian architect Charles Correa, the Chief planner of New Bombay, in which many millions will be housed with the next 10 years.

10.30 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents the Geoff Warren Quartet.†

11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00 and 9.00 pm). Major bulletins 7.00, 8.00am, 1.00, 5.00pm and 12.00 midnight. Headlines 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30am (mf/mw). 5.00am Colin Berry†. 7.30 Ray Moore†. 10.00 Jimmy Young†. 12.00pm Music While You Work with Stanley Black, his Piano and Orchestra. 12.30 FA Cup Fourth Round Draw. 12.30 Gloria Hunniford†. 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart†. 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton*. 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era. 8.30 Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz†. 9.30 Star Sound with Nick Jackson. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cinema Scrapbook. Soundtrack memories of a year in film, 6. 1959. 10.30 Stuart Hall with a late-night entertainment (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Ray Moore with Two's Best†. 2.00-5.00 Charles Nove presents You and the Night and the Music*.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour 6.30am-8.30pm and then 12.30 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel†. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2 5.00am With Radio 2 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Sarah and Company 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Arthur Rubenstein 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Waveguide 9.25 Good Books 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Music Now 10.15 Short Story 10.30 Rock Salad 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Anna of the Five Towns 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz Score 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Country Style 1.45 A Matter for Debate 2.30 The Tone Poets 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Outlook 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 A Talent to Amuse 4.30 A Sense of Place 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Book Choice 5.15 Just a Minute 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 9.15 Anna of the Five Towns 9.30 Rock Salad 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 A Talent to Amuse 11.30 Jazz Score 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Times Remembered 1.00 Waveguide 1.10 Paperback Choice 1.15 Outlook 1.45 Short Takes 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Rock Back the Clock 5.45 The World Today

(All times in GMT)

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REGIONAL TE[LEVISION VA]RIATIONS

BBC1 Wales 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.53 Wales Today. 6.40-7.10 The Happiest Days? 12.05am News and weather. Scotland 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.53 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 6.40-7.10 Superscot. 12.05am News and weather. Northern Ireland 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.53 Scene Around Six. 6.40-7.10 Land'n'Larder. 12.05am News and weather England 5.53pm Regional news magazines. 6.40-7.10 East – The Sandringham Trials. Midlands – Keen Types. North – The Pennine Challenge. North East – Heroes. North West – Yes. South – The Dorsetmen. South West – The High Road to Iddesleigh. West – RPM. 12.10am Close.

S4C Starts 2.20pm Nodi. 2.35 Interval. 3.05 Film: This is Noel Coward. 4.55 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.00 Dwylo I Fyny. 5.30 Everybody Here. 6.00 Avengers. 6.55 Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Y 'Stafell Ddirgel. 8.00 Galw Gari. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Chas 'n' Dave at Her Majesty's. 10.00 Comic Strip Presents. 10.35 Picture of Health. 11.15 Song by Song. 12.10am Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 12.15 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 10.25am On Safari. 10.45 Thunderbirds. 11.35-12.00 Laurel and Hardy.* 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Poseidon Files. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00 News. 12.15am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.00-12.10pm Alphabet Zoo. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 [...] 2.30 Survival. 6.00 Channel Report. [...] 6.30-7.00 Private Benjamin. 12.15a[m] Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West exc[ept] 6.00pm-7.00 Wal[es] at Six. 10.30 Crown Green Bowls. 11[...] 12.15am Snooker.

GRANADA As London except: 10.25am Stingray. 10.45-12.00 Hopalong Cassidy. 1.20[...] Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Quentin [...] Deverill. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* [...] 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 [...] Granada Reports. 12.20am Closedow[n]

BORDER As London except: 10.25am Curley and his Gang. 11.20 Mountain Habitat. 11.35-12.00 On Safari. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Entertainers. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 [...] and Mrs. 12.15am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25am Stan and Ollie.* 10.50 European Folk Tales. 11.0[...] Fight For Your Life. 11.20 World We Liv[e] In. 11.45-12.00 Larry The Lamb. 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 2.00 2.30 Paris By Night. 5.15-5.45 At Ease. 6.00 News. 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30 [...] 7.00 Northern Life. 12.15am Thank God We Are . . . Closedown.

[...]IRE As London except: 10.25am Cur[...]orld 10.50 Granny's Quilts. [...]a – Island of Giant [...]55-12.00 Mouse of Mars. [...] News. 2.00-2.30 Randy [...]5-5.45 Mr Smith 6.00 [...]0-7.00 Sportsman of the [...] Closedown

[...]L As London except: 10.25am Film Fun. [...] Film: Two Mugs From [...]liam Bendix). 1.20pm [...]30 To Win At All Cost. [...]ung Doctors. 5.15-5.45 [...]6.00 News. 6.25-7.00 Five [...]. 12.15am Come Close. [...]own

[...] As London except 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. [...]sor Kitzel 10.30 Sport Billy. [...] Of My Friends 11.20 [...]0-12.00 3-2-1 Contact. [...] Lunchtime. 2.00-2.30 [...] Flowers 5.15-5.45 [...]he Fittest 6.00 Good [...]er. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. [...]s. Closedown.

[...]ondon except: 10.25am [...] Billy. 10.50 Granny's Quilt. [...] Island of the Giant [...]55-12.00 Professor Kitzel. [...] News. 2.00-2.30 Survival. [...]outh West. 6.30-7.00 [...]min. 12.15am Postscript.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 10.25-12.00 Film: Carry On Cabby (Sid James) 1.20pm-1.30 News 2.00-2.30 At Home With the Spinners 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30-7.00 Survival 12.15am News. Closedown.

TVS As London except 9.25am-9.30 Farming Brief 10.25 Film Nearest and Dearest (Jimmy Jewel). 11.50-12.00 Cartoon 1.20pm News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.45-2.30 Father of the Fraggles. 3.30-4.00 Sullivans 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.45-7.00 Airmail. 12.15am Company. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except 10.25am European Folk Tales. 10.40 Portrait of a Legend. 11.05 Records, Myths and Legends 11.30 Hands. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 1.20pm-1.30 News 2.00-2.30 Struggle Beneath the Sea. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Survival – 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am Sea Pictures. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except 10.25am Day of the Bear Cub. 10.49 New Glass 11.04 Joy of Bach. 1.20pm-1.30 News 2.00-2.30 Making a Living 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Crime Desk 6.45-7.00 Showcase. 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

A treasure house of the past with an uncertain future

By John Young

A most unusual meeting is due to take place in London *tomorrow*. It will be attended by officials from the Treasury, the Department of the Environment, Derbyshire County Council, the National Trust, and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Its purpose is to seek a way of preserving a unique and fascinating, but alas very costly, relic of English history.

Calke Abbey, the biggest *cause célèbre* among country houses since Mentmore, fully justifies the superlatives lavished upon it.

Nestling in a fold of rolling parkland, its visibly crumbling grey baroque exterior encloses a cluster of Victoriana, which has been virtually untouched for more than a century.

Experts are agreed that the drawing room, with its perfectly preserved wallpaper, carrpet and furnishings, is the most authentic of its kind.

But its splendour, and that of the huge saloon and the library, are in sharp contrast to most of the rest of the house, which has been left to decay, its rooms and corridors piled high with furniture and possessions unused for generations, but which, fortunately, no one has thought to throw away.

Its days as a family house, staffed with servants, effectively ended with the death of Sir Vauncey Harpur-Crewe in 1924. Successors have occupied only a handful of rooms.

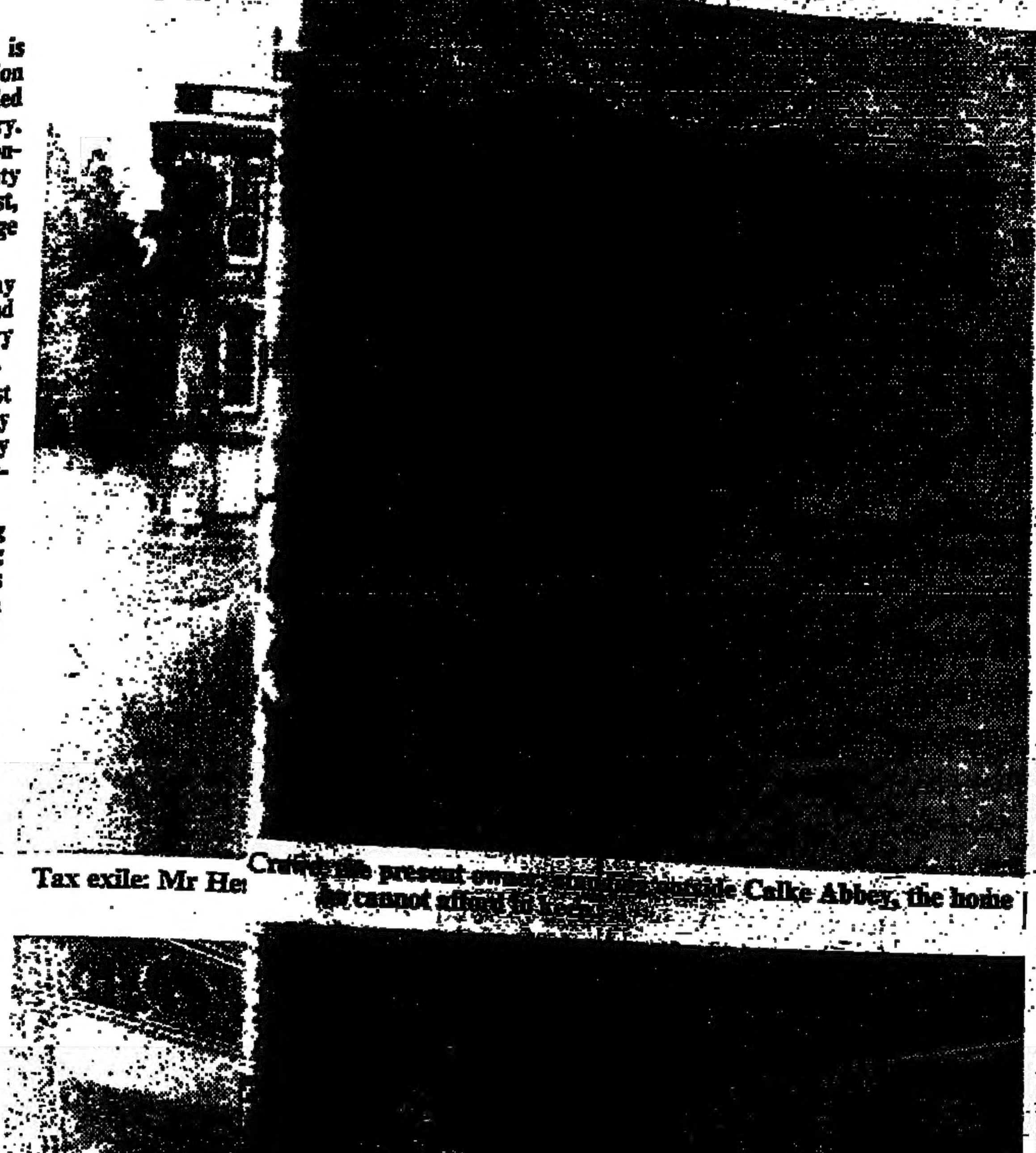
The descendants of Sir John Harpur, who built the house in 1703, were unworldly enough to care little for modernization or for financial prudence. The legacy of the latter is a tax bill of more than £8m, with accumulating interest of more than £1,000 a day.

The present owner, Mr Henry Harpur-Crewe, has offered the house and estate to the Governement in lieu of tax, with the idea that it should go to the National Trust, which would like to accept but insists that it needs some farmland to provide money for repairs and upkeep.

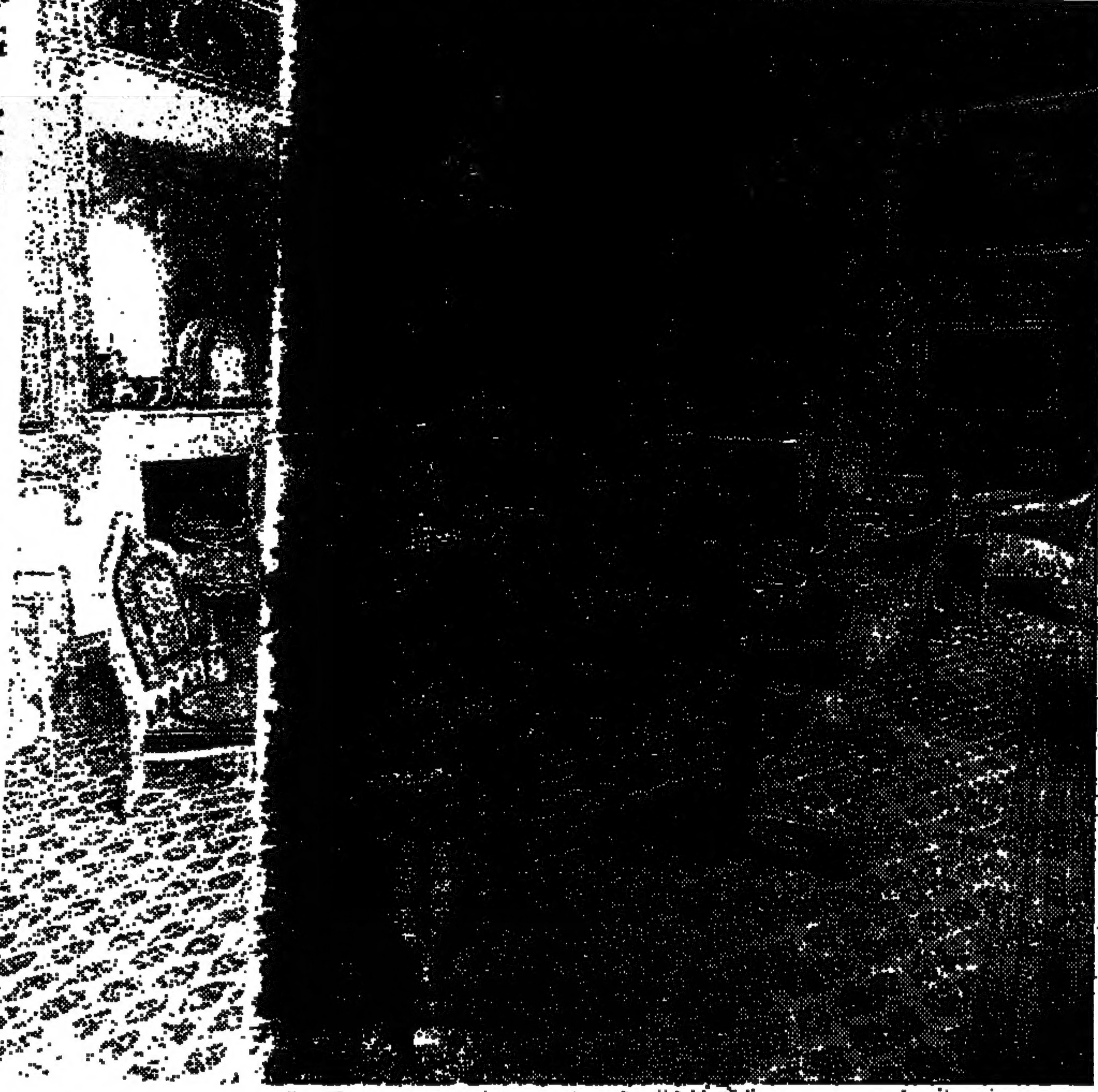
The Government has said that it can accept only the house and the park. The balance of the tax owed must be met from the sale of all or part of the 14,000 acres of farmland.

In spite of an unexpected avalanche of publicity, the Government is not expected to change its mind.

The best that conservationists hope for from tomorrow's meeting is a hint that it will extend the amount of land it is prepared to accept against tax.



Tax exile: Mr He[illegible] Crewe, the present [illegible] outside Calke Abbey, the home he cannot afford to [illegible]



Authentic VictoriaAbbey's drawing room, displaying perfectly preserved wallpaper and furnishings.



Preserved splendour: The huge saloon, contrasting sharply with most of the neglected house (Photographs: John Voos).

S Africans threaten to send in tanks

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of a month-long truce from January 31 still stood. Pretoria was willing to hold ceasefire talks with Swapo. But he said that meant Swapo would have to deal with Pretoria's administrator General in Namibia, which the guerilla organization, recognized by the UN as the sole authentic political representative of the people of the territory, is unlikely to accept.

General Malan yesterday repeated the offer of talks with Angola and Swapo, adding threateningly that they "have not nearly felt the full force of SADF capability".

Mr Botha described the situation as very serious. "The next few weeks will be very important in determining whether there is escalating conflict or not." He rejected the UN resolution, which he said "virtually condones violence".

Although Britain and the United States had abstained, Mr Botha said he was "not very encouraged" by their explanation. "They go for South Africa. They give us the blame. And ignore the basic fact that SWAPO has been given a licence to murder and to terrorize," he said.

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Kissinger wants $8bn Central American fund

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should receive more military aid "to build a credible deterrent", it says. Honduras has not so far suffered serious internal divisions.

Mr Reagan appointed the Kissinger commission last year with the tacit expectation that it would make recommendations consistent with his wishes – namely, that the United States should formalize its long-term commitment to the region.

The Kissinger report recommends that the massive new injection of money should be managed by a new international organization, and that aid should depend on the observation of human rights, and support for democratic processes.

On at least one point, the 12 commission members remain divided – whether to continue providing American aid to guerrillas fighting the left-wing regime in Nicaragua.

Photograph, page 4

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

David Barker, prints, and John Kindness, mosaics, Peacock Gallery, Craigavon, Northern Ireland; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, closed Sat and Sun (ends Jan 31).

Three photographers; Stephen Farthing, Douglas Malpas and Ian Stott, timelapse exposures, Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, closed Wed and Sun (ends Jan 28).

Last chance to see

New Acquisitions and E[illegible] ists and Constructivists: t[illegible] of art from Germany at t[illegible] National Gallery of Mc[illegible] Inverleith House, Roya[illegible] Gardens, Edinburgh; Mon [illegible] 5 (ends today).

Talks, Lectures

Brass Mills by Joan [illegible] Postal Museum, 51 Grea[illegible] Street, Bath, 7.30.

Leeds – a lost cause by [illegible] Albert Bar, Victoria Ho[illegible] George Street, Leeds, 7.

Exhibitions in progress

The Maclaurin Collection – the first exhibition of the Maclaurin collection of 20th Century Art, the Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr, Mon to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun (ends Jan 28).

Walks for the week

Today: Legal London, visit to the Old Bailey, Inns of Court, Royal Courts of Justice, etc, meet St Paul's Underground, 2. Haunted East End Pub Walk, meet Whitechapel Underground, 7. Riverside Pubs, Prisons and Hidden Paths, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30.

Tomorrow: Cockney London – Lambeth, meet Westminster Underground, 11. Westminster Abbey Visit, meet Westminster Underground (outside), 2.

Wednesday: London's Ghosts, Alleys and Oddities, meet Embankment Underground, 7.30. Streets paved with gold, visit to London Stock Exchange and Guildhall of London, meet Bank Underground (Royal Exchange exit), 2.

Thursday: Belgravia, "Upstairs and Downstairs", meet Sloane Square Underground, 11. Royal London, Palaces and People, meet Green Park Underground, 2.

Friday: City Churches and Sir Christopher Wren, meet St Paul's Underground, 2. An historic Pub Walk, meet Tower Hill Underground, 7.30.

Saturday: Elizabethan & Literary Highgate Village, meet Archway Underground, 2.30. London Village Hampstead, meet Hampstead Underground, 2.30. Shakespeare's London, meet St Paul's Underground, 2. Customs and Curios of the City, meet Monument Underground, (Fish Street Hill entrance), 2.

Sunday: A Journey through Dickens' London, meet Embankment Underground, 11. Westminster, 1000 Years of history, meet Westminster Underground, 11. Picturesque Hampstead village and the heath, meet Hampstead Underground, 11. Samuel Pepy's Diary of Disasters, meet Monument Underground, (Fish Street exit), 2.30. Historic and Macabre Fleet St, meet St Paul's Underground, 2.

Monday: Best of British Pubs Night, meet Bond Street Underground (ticket office) 7.30. The London of Charles Dickens (ends in a pub), meet Holborn Underground, 11. Bloomsbury, meet Holborn Underground, 2. Haunted London – a Ghost Walk (ends in a pub), meet Covent Garden Underground, 7.30.

Nature Notes

Wintry weather drives birds of prey into fresh territory. Buzzards come down to the lowland farms, soaring with motionless wings over the fields as they look for rabbits. The myxomatosis epidemic among rabbits brought buzzard numbers down sharply in the 1950s, but they have made a good recovery since. Rough-legged buzzards are occasionally seen on the eastern side of Britain, coming in from Scandinavia: they have white tails, and are paler underneath than the common buzzard. A few red kites drift into central England from their solitary breeding stronghold in the Welsh mountains. Golden eagles are the birds of prey least likely to be seen away from their summer haunts: they glide majestically over the deer forests in all weathers, taking mountain hares, grouse or carrion as their food.

On river-banks and in the marshes, olive bark gleams on the white willows and crack willows. On the purple osiers, the twigs are a deep purplish-red. The clenched pink buds of winter heliotrope are beginning to open, and dog's mercury is already in flower.

DJM

Sanctuary appeal

The Sanctuary for Equine Animals Trust is an 18-year-old registered charity that cares for old, sick and unwanted animals. It faces imminent bankruptcy, and many of its animals may be in need for new homes within the next week or two. The telephone has been cut off: inquiries to Mrs Vicki Gillard-Loft, Sanctuary for Equine Animals Trust, Gamelands, Horam Road, Horam, Heathfield, East Sussex.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.63	1.54
Austria Sch	28.95	27.35
Belgium Fr	84.25	80.25
Canada $	1.82	1.75
Denmark Kr	14.78	14.08
Finland Mkk	8.69	8.29
France Fr	12.35	11.85
Germany DM	4.08	3.89
Greece Dr	169.00	155.00
Hongkong $	11.30	10.70
Italy Lira	2480.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	344.00	326.00
Netherlands Gld	4.59	4.36
Norway Kr	11.55	10.95
Portugal Esc	198.00	187.00
South Africa Rd	1.88	1.75
Spain Pta	232.00	222.00
Sweden Kr	11.98	11.38
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.10
USA $	1.45	1.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	220.00	206.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 341.9.

London: The *FT* index closed up 10.7 on Friday at 794.3.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 4.40 on Friday at 1286.64.

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The papers

Several Sunday papers yesterday chose their first appearance in the New Year to make sanguine predictions about economic prospects in months to come. The Sunday Express said a survey of firms showed widespread expectation that 1984 was going to be a boom year. Basing itself on an interview with Mrs Thatcher, the News of the World predicted higher living standards, industrial growth and more jobs. The Royal Family provided stories for several front pages. The Mail on Sunday and the Sunday Mirror were both concerned with the alleged theft of a tape made by Miss Koo Stark for sending to Prince Andrew and containing "intimate" thoughts.

Roads

London and South-east: A.4008: East-bound carriageway closed at junction of Forty Lane and Salmon Street, Wembley; diversion in operation. A.308: Traffic reduced to single lane westbound in New Kings Road at junction with Parsons Green; no right turn into Parsons Green Lane. A.4: Offside lane closures on both carriageways between Hogarth roundabout and Chiswick roundabout.

Midlands: A.34: Roadworks, delays south of Shipston on Stour at Tidmington, Warwickshire. A1: Contra flow southbound North of Normans Cross, Cambridgeshire. A.47: Roadworks at Etling Green nr East Dereham, Norfolk.

Wales and West: A.38: East-bound carriageway closed east of Lee Mill, on Ivy Bridge to Plymouth road. A.40: Temporary traffic lights, delays on Bancyfelin-Carmarthen road; delays. A.35: Single-lane traffic controlled by temporary lights on Axminster-Honiton road between Kilmington and Loughwood.

North: A.628: Single-lane traffic controlled by signals at Thurlstone River Bridge. A.6: Manual trafic signals at entrance to Lyme Park, Disley, Cheshire. A.66: Single-lane traffic controlled by lights on bridge at Eden Lodge, NW of Appleby, Cumbria.

Scotland: A.82: Single-lane with lights four miles N of Tarbet. A.87: Traffic reduced to single lane controlled by lights between Shiel Bridge and Cluanie. M.90: Outside lane closures between junction 1 (Inverkeithing) and junction 3 (Dunfermline).

Information supplied by AA

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 14ZT 092812 (the winner lives in Gwent); £50,000: 3TW 952285 (West Midlands); £25,000: MF 135679 (Borough of Brent).

Anniversaries

Births: Wolfgang Köhler, pioneer of Gestalt psychology, Tallinn, Estonia, 1887; Karel Capek, novelist and playwright (his play *RUR* – "Rossum's Universal Robots" introduced that word into the English language in 1923), Malé Svatoňovice, 1890; Gracie Fields, Rochdale, 1898; George Balanchine, choreographer, St Petersburg, Russia, 1904. Deaths: Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, 1852-70, Chislehurst, Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainebleau, France, 1923.

Driving tips

The Central Office of Information has issued some tips on safe driving this winter. When visibility is seriously reduced by bad-weather headlights are obligatory; rear fog lamps should not be used unless visibility is seriously reduced and they should be switched off if they might dazzle following drivers; they should not be used just because it is dark or raining; any warning lights should be observed, speed reduced and a greater distance than usual left

Weather

A ridge of high pressure over Bitish Isles will move eastwards, as a trough of low pressure moves across western areas.

6 am to midnight

London, central S, SW England, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny periods, becoming cloudy later, perhaps a little rain; wind variable light becoming SW moderate; max temp 4-6C (39-43F).

SE England, East Anglia: Wintry showers on coasts at first, sunny periods, becoming cloudy later, perhaps a little rain; wind N fresh backing SW light; max temp 4C (39F).

E, central N England, W Midlands: Sunny periods, becoming cloudy, outbreaks of rain later; wind variable becoming SW light or moderate; max temp 6C (43F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland: Bright at first, soon becoming cloudy, outbreaks of rain; wind SW moderate increasing fresh or strong; temp 6C (43F) after a frosty start.

Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, preceded by snow on high ground, becoming drier and brighter later; wind SW fresh or strong, gale in places; max temp 7C (45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Generally cloudy, outbreaks of rain becoming mainly dry in S.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind N strong to gale decreasing moderate; sea very rough becoming slight. Straits of Dover, English channel: Fresh to strong backing W; sea moderate to rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N backing SW, fresh to strong; sea rough.

Sun rises: 8.04 am. Sun sets: 4.11 pm

Moon rises: 11.15 am. Moon sets: 10.46 pm

First Quarter January 11.

Lighting-up time

London 4.41 pm to 7.34 am
Bristol 4.51 pm to 7.43 am
Edinburgh 4.30 pm to 8.10 am
Manchester 4.40 pm to 7.52 am
Penzance 5.09 pm to 7.49 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	4	39	Guernsey	c	6	43
Birmingham	f	5	41	Inverness	r	4	39
Blackpool	c	5	41	Jersey	f	6	43
Bristol	c	5	41	London	s	6	43
Cardiff	sn	1	34	Manchester	c	4	39
Edinburgh	f	5	41	Newcastle	f	4	39
Glasgow	f	5	41	Ronaldsway	s	6	43

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 8C (46F); lowest day max: Aviemore, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.51 in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, 6.8 hr.

Saturday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 10C (50F); Lowest day max: Aviemore, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Hirlwall, 0.67in; Highest sunshine: Clacton, 6.7 hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1015.3 rising.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 63 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.2. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1006.2 rising.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded Symbols are on advancing edge



NOON TODAY



b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.12	6.4	5.49	6.3
Aberdeen	5.08	3.6	4.55	3.8
Avonmouth	10.37	11.3	10.52	10.9
Belfast	2.47	3.0	2.57	3.3
Cardiff	10.22	10.5	10.37	10.1
Devonport	8.58	5.0	9.20	4.9
Dover	2.22	6.2	2.43	5.7
Falmouth	8.26	4.8	8.50	4.4
Glasgow	4.23	4.3	4.32	4.7
Harwich	3.08	3.5	3.41	3.4
Holyhead	1.48	4.7	1.59	5.0
Hull	8.56	6.3	10.00	6.7
Ilfracombe	9.29	7.8	9.43	7.5
Leith	6.23	4.6	6.31	4.8
Liverpool	2.34	8.0	2.53	8.3
Lowestoft	12.05	2.4	1.30	2.1
Margate	3.15	4.4	3.50	4.2
Milford Haven	9.50	6.0	10.01	5.7
Newquay	8.45	6.1	9.02	5.8
Oban	9.20	3.5	9.21	3.2
Penzance	8.03	5.1	8.29	4.8
Portland	9.58	1.8	10.28	1.5
Portsmouth	2.59	4.2	3.01	4.0
Shoreham	2.30	5.5	2.44	5.3
Southampton	2.26	4.0	2.29	3.9
Swansea	9.53	8.2	10.06	7.8
Tees	7.31	4.5	7.30	4.9
Walton-on-Naze	3.00	3.7	3.35	3.6

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	2.5	.05	6	43	Showers
Bridlington	3.3	.02	6	43	Shwrs pm
Cromer	2.2	–	4	39	Gale am
Lowestoft	2.8	–	5	41	Bright
Clacton	4.8	.11	5	41	Sunny
Margate	–	–	5	41	Sunny
Folkestone	5.5	–	6	43	Sunny
Hastings	6.7	–	6	43	Sunny
Eastbourne	6.5	–	6	43	Sunny
Brighton	–	–	5	41	Sunny
Worthing	6.4	–	6	43	Sunny
Littlehmptn	5.7	–	6	43	Sunny
Bognor R	6.8	–	6	43	Sunny
Southsea	5.7	–	6	43	Sunny
Shanklin	5.8	–	6	43	Sunny
Bournemth	4.5	–	6	43	Bright
Poole	3.7	–	7	45	Cloudy pm
Swanage	4.4	–	7	45	Sunny
Weymouth	3.8	–	70	45	Sunny am
Penzance	6.0	–	8	46	Sunny
Jersey	3.3	.16	8	46	Thunder
Guernsey	1.5	.10	8	46	Hail pm
Scilly Isles	–	.01	8	46	Sunny
Newquay	2.2	–	8	46	Bright
Douglas	4.3	.12	6	43	Sunny pm
London (Ctrl)	5.3	–	7	45	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	2.1	.09	5	41	Shwrs pm
Bristol (Ctrl)	3.0	–	6	43	Bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	3.3	.17	6	43	Sleet
Anglesey	3.6	.02	8	46	Hail am
B'pool (Airpt)	2.5	.18	6	43	Dull
Manchester	2.4	.11	5	41	Sleet am
Nottingham	3.6	.05	4	39	Shwrs pm
N'ctl-n-Tyne	1.0	.06	5	41	Sleet pm
Carlisle	3.7	.01	6	43	Sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.4	.03	3	37	Shwrs am
Prestwick	4.3	.01	6	43	Sunny
Glasgow	3.8	.02	7	45	Sunny
Tiree	1.7	.08	7	45	Hail
Stornoway	4.0	.05	5	41	Sunny pm
Lerwick	1.3	.51	3	37	Showers
Wick	2.3	.05	5	41	Bright
Edinburgh	2.3	–	5	41	Bright
Aldergrove	4.7	.11	6	43	Sleet am

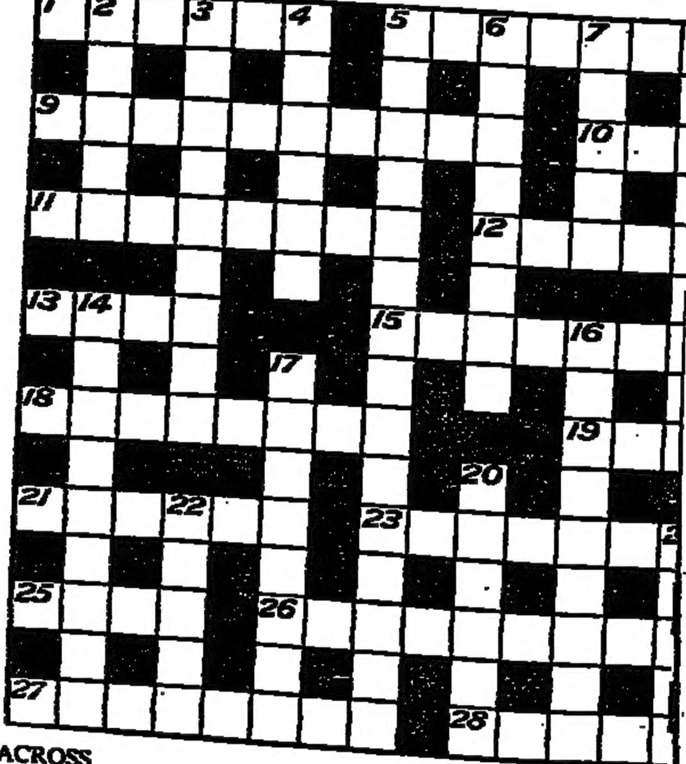
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	13	55	Copenhgn	f	3	37	Majorca	f	15	59	Rio de Jan*	f	28	82
Akrotiri	f	17	63	Corfu	f	11	52	Malaga	f	17	63	Rome	r	8	46
Alexandria	c	18	64	Dallas*	f	14	57	Malta	s	16	61	Salzburg	f	3	37
Algiers	f	17	63	Dublin	s	5	52	Melbourne	s	22	72	San Paulo*	f	28	82
Amsterdam	r	6	43	Dubrovnik	c	10	57	Mexico C	s	18	64	S Francisco*	f	9	48
Athens	s	15	59	Faro	f	15	59	Miami*	s	20	68	Santiago*	f	[illegible]	48
Bahrain				Florence				Milan	c	2	36	Seoul	f	-1	30
[illegible]															

* denotes Friday's figures are latest available

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,33[illegible]



ACROSS

1 A small bay accommodating many for the recess (6).
5 Demosthenes perhaps, or a Scot around at that time (8).
9 Intended to sell readily and surprise a girl (10).
10 Supernatural beings in the theatre (4).
11 Drink for a social reformer, it's said (8).
12 Lovelace's girl in the professional theatre (6).
13 Final requirement of Hans Andersen's father (4).
15 This book for an act of worship? (8).
18 Barbarism may be grave, say (8).
19 Lincoln at rest (4).
21 Scholarly convict with a following in Spain (6).
23 A French student, terrible – criminal perhaps (8).
25 Bismarck, bespectacled abstainer? (4).
26 Battle before the union (10).
27 Where the Prince Regent went to ring both changes (8).
28 In the stalls, a number who are not commissioned (6).

DOWN

2 Contract got by Labour leader without difficulty (5).
3 Her actors replaced a [illegible] of players (9).
4 Observation by Smile[illegible] ple (6).
5 From America, a nou[illegible] to arms (5,3,4,3).
6 A blow to one labouri[illegible] the sunshine? (8).
7 A black time for Sir, w[illegible] 5).
8 Re-sort dead seer's po[illegible] nd-ed for him (9).
14 Like a monument for [illegible] loor (9).
16 But not a fishwife wh[illegible] for us (9).
17 A period not lacking [illegible] but degenerate (8).
20 Left, in view of snub . .
22 . . . in conjunction [illegible] an obsolete note (5).
24 Of a bone initially un[illegible] ned, like nerves and respira[illegible] 5).

The Solutio[n] of Saturday Prize Puzzl[e] No. 16,32[illegible] will appea[r] next Saturd[ay]

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